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INTRODUCTION.

THE Wills now submitted to the Members of the CHETHAM SOCIETY were transcribed by the late Rev. JOHN PICCOPE, M.A., Incumbent of Farndon, from the Archives in the Ecclesiastical Court of Chester. By the kind permission of the Rev. HENRY RAIKES, M.A., late Chancellor of the Diocese, he had access to the various documents in the Registry, a privilege of which his peculiar taste for such pursuits and his intimate acquaintance with the pedigrees of Lancashire and Cheshire families, induced him eagerly to avail himself. The entire collection, from which the present volume is taken, consists of nearly three hundred wills and inventories, embracing every class of society in the two counties palatine of Lancaster and Chester. They were originally selected with a view to their future publication by the Society, but a protracted illness unfortunately prevented my father's hopes being realised during his lifetime.

The wills are printed as nearly as possible in extenso, some technical forms and tedious repetitions being, however,

omitted; and, with very few exceptions, every legacy has been inserted. It has been thought desirable to retain the contractions and capricious manner of spelling, so as to give a faithful and literal copy of the original.

My warmest thanks are due to HENRY RAIKES, Esq., the Registrar of the Diocese, not only for permission to collate the MSS., but for previous examinations of the Records in his care. To the Rev. CANON RAINES of Milnrow I am under the deepest obligation for information at all times so liberally afforded, and for his valuable assistance and advice whilst the work was progressing through the press.

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LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE WILLS.

THE WILL OF EMME LATE WIFE OF ANDREW CARRINGTON OF CARRINGTON ESQ.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen The xxvj day of Marche in the yeẽ of o^r^ Lord God mcccc..... [I Emme] Caryngton the late wiffe of Andrew Caryngton esquier decessed hole in mynd and . ..... body dredynge the ꝑpells of dethe make my last will and testament in maṇ and forme fo..... ffirst I beqweth my sowlle unto Almyghtie God o^r^ lady Saynt Mary and to all y^e^ ..... company of heyvn and my body to be buryed in Saint Nicholes chapell at Bowden Also I will that my best guds be my mortuarie And for the assured disposicon and ..... of all my goodꝭ I will and beqweth unto my son Laurence Holynwort and [sic] the gowne ..... he boght me in London redy maid as it is in recompence of that he paid for it Also I will ..... unto Wiłłm Holynwort my son x^li^ w^t^ this ꝑviso that if he

[1] Proved April 11, 1525. Andrew Carrington, husband of the testatrix, died about 12 Hen. VIII., in which year his inquisition post mortem was taken. In the pedigree of this family in Ormerod's *Cheshire*, vol. i. p. 412, the name of Andrew Carrington's wife is not mentioned, but it is evident from this will that she was the mother of John Carrington, and that she had been previously married to a Hollingworth, probably of the family of that name in the parish of Mottram.

delyv or cawse to be delyved ..... to my son John Caryngton the astate yt he hadde by my request of ye grond of my son John then I will he have ye forsaid sume of xli And if he will nott delyv it then I will yt my said ..... have ye forsaid sume of xli to his awne ꝑpur use Also I publisshe and declare by this my ..... will and testament that it was nev my mynde nor entent nor it was nev agred bytwix ..... that my forsaid son Wiffm Holynwort schuld have nor receyve no man of part of the forsaid . ..... Duryng my naturall liffe And moreov it was agred att ye tyme of makyng of ye said .... that I the forsaid Emme schuld have ye custodye of the forsaid estate for suertie that he ..... aske no part theroff duryng terme of my liffe and so had unto such tyme as my said son ..... Holynwort accompanyed wt my cosyn Thomas Hyde and my son John Holynwort and Sr John ..... ꝑest cam to me and desired delyvaunce thereof for his awne suertie aft my decesse and he ..... sworne opon the holy Evangelists nev to aske no ꝑt theroff duryng my liffe in ꝑsence of ..... forsaid ꝑsons And furthemor I the forsaid Emme say I have no ꝑt of his goode in my ..... And all this aforsaid is trew as I schall answar att ye day of judgement Also I will my son John Holynwort have ye v markes that I lent hym and this halffe yere rent past is Also I will and beqweth to my said son John Holynwort a chalice wt this ꝑviso ..... may ther remayn for ev as an heyrlome and of my gifte and nev by hym or eny of ..... successors thens to be removed Also I will and beqweth to my dogh Anne Ward my b..... and fruntlett Also I will and beqweth unto Sr Nicholas Warburton chaplyn to my said son .....Caryngton vj markes to syng a yer for my sowlle and my husbande sowlles and he to .. .. the chapell att Caryngton Also I will and beqweth unto John Caryngton my son ..... best of my movable goode to ye valure of xli wt this ꝑviso that he have ye govme..... for me of his liffe and aft his decesse to remayn to his heyr in this howse as of ..... for ev and nev by wiffe nor wiffes no ꝑt yroff to be taken

away nor removyd ..... to continew for ev̄ mor̄ Also I will and beqweth aft̄ my bryngyng furth and my .. .. ev̄y thing cōtent and paid all ye residew of my goodes unbeqwethed unto ye mariag..... my son John Caryngton ij doghto^rs M'garett and Jane equally to be devyded betwixt ..... p^ry for my sowlle Also I will that my exequto^rs of the holl of all my goodes and ..... ev̄y thyng be savyd harmeles in fulfillyng of this my last will and he that ..... and is contentt to fulfyll yis my last will schall have my blessyng afor the face of ..... he that is wilfull and will lett or trobull my exequuto^rs in fulfyllyng of ..... my last will schall have my curse in hevyn and on herth Also ther̄ is div̄se ..... that I remytt to ye discrecōn of my exequuto^rs And I cōstitute and orden my t..... exequuto^rs my son John Caryngton and my son John Holynwort to be [sic] that this ..... and ev̄y thyng substancially be pformed and Wiłłm Longley clerke ꝑson of P'stwich .. .. thes beyng wittness Jamys Massy esquier Hugh Typpyng ꝑson of Assheton ..... Sir Nicholas Smyth Sir Robert Massye Sr Nicholas Warburton w^t many mo.

THE WILL OF THOMAS STANLEY OF WEVER AND ALDERLEY.[1]

..... amen viij .. ... Julii anno ..... ccccxxv I Thomas Stanley of Wev̄ . ... hole in mynd make my testament and last

[1] No date of probate. Thomas Stanley was the second son and ultimately heir of Sir John Stanley, brother of Thomas first Earl of Derby, by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Wever of Wever and Alderley. He married in 1505 to his first wife, Douce, daughter of Thomas Leversedge of Wheelock Esq. Elizabeth, mentioned in the will, was his second wife, and died in 1527. Thomas Stanley, his son and heir,

will of all my goodes movables in man̄ and forme as folowth that is to witte ffirst I beqwethe my sowlle to Allmightie God o^r lady Saint Mary and to all the sainttes in hevyn and my body to be buryed in the chauncell of my chapell w^tin the Mydill Wiche and my best beast to be my mortuarie Also I giffe and beqweth to my wiffe Elisabeth Stanley all such sum̄es of money as I have or may have in the howre of my deth or schall have oghyng me for the mariedge of my son and heyr beyng unpayd of Thomas Davenport of Henbury esquier or of his heyres exequuto^rs or assignes and all obligacions and y^e ꝑfettes y^roff concernyng the same maryedge Also I will that of ye residew of my goodꝭ that I be broght home and my dettꝭ paid Also I will that ye rest of my goodes then lafte to be devydid it is to witte the on halffe to my wiffe and ye oy^ꝯ halffe to my child^ꝯ amonges them Also I giffe and beqweth to ye poch church of ye said Mydull Wiche and to my chapell their xx^s by evyn porcon̄s y^t is to witt the on halffe to ye church and the oy^ꝯ halffe to my chapell to repac̄ons theroff and my exequuto^rs to have it to bestow theron as thei schall thinke best And also I will and orden my wiffe Elisabeth and Wiłłm Stanley of Hooton knyght to be my exequuto^rs and Wiłłm Venables of Kinderton esquier to be my ovꝯseer to se this my last will be fulfilled and kepte Thes beynge witnesses my gostly father Sr John Crosby curat Mr Ric. Sneid John Cleg of Gayton esquier John Cleg gentilman Randull Larden chaplen Raffe Huls Laurens Jacson Wiłłm Barnes and oy^ꝯ

married Johanna, daughter of Thomas Davenport of Henbury Esq. The testator died in 1527, whose lineal representative is Edward John, the second and present Lord Stanley of Alderley.

TESTAMENT. ROB'TI HONFORD.

Pbat in ecclia coll Sci Jo Cestr xxvj die Augusti 1527.

IN Dei nomine Amen tercio die Augusti anno Dni mccccxxvij Ego Robertus Honford de Ecthuls compos mētis et sane memorie eger tamē corpor cnensque michi mortis piculū iminere condo testamentū meū in hunc modū In prmis lego aīam meā Deo Pri Oipotenti beate Marie Virgini et oibus scis ejus corpusque meū sepeliend in ecclia Sci Wylfrydi de Northen in capella beate Marie ibidm Et optimū meū aīal noie mortuarii Itm I giff to the serves off or lady off Northen all my purchest landes as mor pleynly shall aper by a dede off feoffament made therof Itm I giff ij heffurs to the said serves Itm I will and charge myne executors and the ffeoffees off or ladies londes that they maynten Sr Hugh Johnson in that said serves of or lady att Northen aforsaid and truly pey hym his wayges duly or cause thayme to be peid to hym yerly duryng his liff Itm I giff vjs viijd off money in the handes off Homfrey Hamnett And vijs vjd in the handes off Robt Rile off Sharston to the said serves off or lady aforsaid to maynteyne opon my ptie the seid serves Itm I will that the rest off the money I hogh to or lady off Boston as shall aper by my lettr be well and truly cōtēted and paid It I gif to Sr Willm Godeor vjs viijd to gett hym a serves wt Itm I giff my white chamlett iakett to be a vestiment to or lady chapell aforsaid It I beqweth my goblett off syl and iij off my wurst syl spones wt all the syl plate that is opon my hornes (except my servnt Willm horne) toward the makyng off a chales to the said chapell and if the said stuffe be not sufficyant I will that myne executors make it owt att the syzt off Mr pson off Northen Itm I giff to the batelyng off the church off Northen xxxiijs iiijd Itm I giff to the makyng off the church of Cheidill xxxiijs iiijd to be peid as their workis goith for-

ward Itm the world I aske forgiffynce and all the world charytably I forgiff and evy mā that I ogh money I desire theym for Godes sake to take the dett like as myne executors may pey theym and nott to be to hastye yin. Itm I giff to Wiłłm Motturshed my sevnt a cowe and a gray nagge. Itm I giff to Elyn my sustr my gowne furrett wt whyte lambe. Itm my will ys that Robt my son have all my tackes. Itm the residue of my raymentes not beqwhethed I will that Robt my son have so that he giff to James Masey his second kendall iakett and also that he geiff to Richard Fene a iaket called my frocke The residue off all my goodes I giff clerely aftur my dettę peyd my funall expenses made and my will truly pformed unto Elyn my wyff and Robt my son which Robt I make orden and admytt my trewe and laifull executor to pforme this my last will also I orden and make John Davēport off Wudford and Sr John Breikell pson off Northen supvisors off this my last will pvidit heretofore that my will is that yechon off my servntę have their holl wages and bysydes yechon xijd Thes beryng wittenes Sr Hugh Johnson pest Sr Wiłłm Godyer pest and Wiłłm Motturshed with others dyverse &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN STARKEY OF AUGHTON.

Probat in ecc coll Sct Johis Cestr xvij die Septembr [1527.]

IN Dei noie Amen prmo die mensis Septembris anno Dni miłłmo quingenmo vicesimo sexto Ego Johannes Starky de Aghton compos mentis et sane memorie condo testamentū meū in hoc modo In prmis do et lego aiā meā Deo Oipotenti bte Marie mat sue et oibus scis ejus corpusque meū ad sepeliendū in ecclia pochiali de Aghton coram altare Sancti Nicolai epi Item do et lego meū optimū

aĩal rectori ecc̃lie de Aghton noĩe p^r^ncipali Item do et lego decē solidos ꝑ uno trentali missaꝝ̃ dist^r^buendos int̃ sac^r^dotes Itm̃ do et lego dc̃e ecc̃lie de Aghton sex solidos et octo denarios ꝑ ejusdē reparatioĩbus Itm̃ do et lego Alexandro Radcliff militi oĩa mea terras et tenemēta que hēo die confeccionis p̃sent̃ infra com̃ Lanc̃ ex dimissione et concessione M'gerie Starky mat^r^s mee Item do et lego eid̃ Alexandro vent^r^ticū molendinū de Aghton que hēo ex donaciōe ejusdem M'gerie mat^r^s mee coram testibus ad usum Elizabethe uxoris mee et suoꝝ̃ puero⁊ Item do et lego duo messuagia jacentia in Northwicho in comitat̃ Cestr̃ cum dimidio domi salis scituat̃ in p̃dc̃o Northwicho ad usū p̃dc̃e Elizabeth [et] puero⁊ suo⁊ Item do et lego dc̃e Elizabeth uxori mee oĩa bona mea tam viva q^m^ mortua ad sustentationes ejusdē Elizabeth et puero⁊ meo⁊ Item do et lego Joh̃ Starky filio meo nō legitĩe ꝑcreat̃ plenā ꝑtē suā onū bono⁊ meo⁊ legato⁊ Itē do et lego dc̃o Alexandro Radcliff maritagiū Joh̃is Starky filii mei et hered̃ ad usū debita mea solvend̃ reṽcione inde ad usū dc̃e Elisabeth et puero⁊ suo⁊ Itē do et lego dc̃o Alexandro Radcliff oĩa mea carta [*sic*] scripta et munimenta conc̃nentia t̃ras et tenemēta mea ea custodiꝝ̃ ad usū dc̃i Joh̃is filii et heredē mei Item ordino et facio Laurenciū Starky filiu meū et M'geriā Starky filiā meā meos veros executores ad implend̃ istā meā ulc̃ia3 voluntatē sicut volūt respondeꝝ̃ in die judcii [*sic*] Item ordĩo et facio dc̃m Alexandrū Radcliff militē et Thurstanū Tylsley supvisores istius testamenti mei et cū illis Matho [*sic*] Clyton consangc̃um meū In cujus rei test^m^ sigillum meū apposui die et anno sup^a^dc̃t̃

THE WILL OF JOHN MEOLES ESQ.

Probat̃ ibm eod̃ die [27 Sep. 1527.]

IN Dei noĩe Amen xiij die Maii anno xix H^r viij^vi ego Johes Meoles aĩ sciens me mortalē ac diē mortis mee incertū cōdo testamentū meū in hūc modū In p^rmis lego aĩam meā Deo Oĩpotenti bt̃e Marie et oĩb̃ sc̃is corpusque meū sepeliend̃ in eccl̃ia de Kyrkby Waley corā imagĩe bt̃i Nicholai Item lego eccl̃ie p̃dict̃ meū optim aĩal noĩe mortuarii Item lego fabrice campanilis eccl̃ie p̃dict̃ xl^s Item lego Kat̃ine filie mee bastard̃ xl^s Item lego p^rori domus Sc̃i Jacobi de Byrkeheved vj^s viij^d applicand̃ ad picturā c^ucifixiorii eccl̃ie p^roratus sui Item residuū bonoꝝ meoꝝ do et lego Thome Meoles señ frat̃ meo Kat̃ine Meoles sorori mee Galfrido Meoles filio meo et M'gerie Meoles filie mee dividend̃ p equales porcōes Item ordino et constituo Johem p^rorem dom̃ Sc̃i Jacobi p̃dict̃ et Wiłłm Pole militem meos executores ut iĩpi ordinēt et pimplent hanc meā ultiāb̃ volutatē Et Ranulphū Pole cl̃icū ordino et constituo supvisorē hujus test̃ mei hiis testib̃ Henrico Meoles fratre meo Ric̃o Hurleston & Petro Deyn Dat. die & anno sup̃dict̃.

TESTAMENTUM THOME CROUGHTON.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amē I Thomas Croughton paynter w^t in ye cite off Chest^r holle off mynde and seke in body in thes forme and man̄ foloyng my last testamēt and will in the yere off o^r Lord a mccc... & xxx do make In p^rmis I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God o^r blessed laydy and to all ye holy company off heven and my body to be buret

[1] Proved October 20, 1530.

wt in ye pych church off Sanct Oswalde Also I w.....that yꝰ be made a prncipall and iiij tapers off wax at my beriall Also I beqweth to Sanct Fran..... wt in ye Grayfreis a taper off wax Also to the alter off Sanct Oswalde wt in ye exempt mon..... off Sanct Wurbur on other taper off wax Also apon ye day off my buriall I will to be sayed ..... trentall of masses Also I will my dettꝗ holly be payd off my holle gudꝗ wych payd the resid..... to be equally divydid betwex my wyffe and my chyldren Also I will my wyffe and Wiłłm Frauncesse brother be my executors Syr Jōhn Smyth and Wiłłm Hoole mꝰchand be my oꝝseers for the ꝑmisses to be fulfilled and accomplessed In wittenes whe̅r off this my last will and mynd Wiłłm Barbur and Alex Dicknes wt other moe beyng ꝑsent do faythfully and substancially make and cause to be made.

TESTAMENTUM THOME BRICHE.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen In the ȝe̅r off owr Lord a mccccc & xxti the fyrst daye off August I Thomas Bryche wholle off mynde and syke in body make my testament on this ma̅n In prmis I bequeth my sowle to Almyghti God and to his blessyd modr Seynt Marie and my body to be buryed in the colledge church of Manchestr and in the name off my mortuarye my best beyst hors or cowe Ĩtm I bequeth to owre ladys ꝝvice xijd Ĩtm to the church werkꝗ iijs iiijd Ĩtm I will that ther be gyven to the mendyng off the lane on this syde the chapell off the ffrythe xijd Ĩtm I will that my doghtr Alison have hir motheurs gyrdill Ĩtm I wille that the ij jackꝗ or cootꝗ shall goe the on to one howse and the othur to the othur howse Ĩtm it is my will yt my wyff and Edm̄d my sone have the howse that I dwell in And also as ffor the take that I holde off Mr Rauff

[1] No date of probate.

Pstwich yt is my wyll that my wyff and hur children have it unto the tyme that they cū to eage and then Mr Rauff to put it which chylde he thynke most able to do service for it Itm I orden and make myn executors my wyffe and my son John to segh that this my last wille be done as they shall answar byfor God Itm I make my overseers Mr Rauff Pstwich and George Bryche gentilman Robart Brydocke John Smyth and Sr James Grene prest.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI FAIRBANCKE.[1]

IN the name off God Amen the tent day of June in the yer of owr Lord God mdxx I Sir Williā ffairbank chaplen beyng in good mynd make this my testament and last will in man and forme foloyng ffyrst I bequeth my saull to Almyghty God or lady Saynt Marye and all the sancte off heven and my body to be buryed in the chapell off Colne Also for my mortuarye my best gown Also I bequeth to the said chapell xs for my said buriall Also wher that I lent xxd to Nicholas Michell off the Hall off Coln I will that he giff and pay it to thuse of the said capell Also I bequeth to Sir Robt Blakey chaplen vjs viijd to pry for my saull wher somev that he will Also I bequethe to the said Sr Robt a gown clothe wt lynyng yto ppared ligyng in the howse of Shaw late wyfe of Henry Shaw Also [I] bequeth to the sam viijs iiijd so that it be devidid among hir and hir children Also I orden and make Edmūd ffairbank my ffather and Alis my mother to be my executores to whom I giff all my goode above not bequethed to dispose to the plesur off God and the welth off my saull. Theis wittnes Sir Robt Blakey aforsaid Ric Fawsett Wiltm Fawset and oth.

[1] No date of probate.

TESTAMENTUM HUGONIS STARKEY DE OLTON ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The third day of July ye yere of or Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth twenty and syx I Hugh Starky of Olton in the cowntie of Chester squier seke in body and hole in my..... dredyng God and deth make and ordayn this my ꝑsent testament and last will ffyrst I beqweth and comend my sowlle to Almyghtie God my Creator and Redem to his blessed mother Saint Mary the virgyn and to all the holy cmpany of heven and my body to be buryed in the church of Owver Also I beqweth vij marks sterlyng to a ꝑest for to syng or say masse for my sowlle a holle ye... att Budworth church the same masses that Pope Innocent did syng for his mother wich be xiij masses And when the said ꝑest hath songon or said all the said xiij masses ov he shall begyn them agayn and so to continew from tyme of my decesse duryng a holle yer Also I beqweth to por folks xviijs ixd to be daltt att ye said church of Budworth apon xv Frydays next ensuyng the tyme of my decesse that is to wytt evy Fryday xvd Also I beqweth to ye said church of Budworth a chales and a masse bok wt a vestmentt and all oy clothes necessary for a ꝑest to say masse in Also I beqweth to Jamys Starky my son a tenementt wt all the ground y to belongyng now in the holdyng of Robert Olton duryng the terme of his naturall liffe Also I beqweth to Ellyn Starky my dght xxli in money in full

[1] The testator was the son and heir of John Starkey of Oulton, by Agnes, sister of Sir John Needham of Shavington in the county of Shropshire Knt. He married Margaret, daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq. The estate acquired by the marriage of Peter, second son of Thomas Starkey of Stretton, with Johanna, daughter and coheiress of John de Olton, ante temp. Hen. VI., was alienated towards the close of the seventeenth century.

recompens of child is parte of all my goodes for it is my will that she make no ferther clayme Also I beqweth to dame Cisly my doghꝯ xl^{s} Also I beqweth to Anne Legh ij kye and ij oxen and all my shep Also I beqweth to Saint Peter of Budworth a violett gowne furred and a velvett hudd Also I beqweth to John Hunt my best jakett and to Rondulph Kyrkehm̃ Randulph Hicson and John Vernon eꝯy of them a jakett Also I beqweth to Richard Gratewod xl^{s} xx^{s} theroff to bestow on hym to lerne to wryte and redd w^{t} John Lech and ye oyꝯ xx^{s} to arey hym and cloth hym to bryng hym up to his mother Also I beqweth to Robert Legh a stagg and xx^{s} in money Also I beqweth to John Lech a stagg and xx^{s} in money Also I beqweth to Sr John Eyton prest x^{s} Also I beqweth to John Kyrkehm̃ a bulloke ye p^{r}ce x^{s} Also I beqweth to Saint Chadde of Owver my best h..... Also to Isabell Smyth a heffur calffe Also to Anne Walker a heffur calffe Also I beqweth [to] Budworth church v marks viij^{s} iiij^{d} now in the hands of Ric. Shaw George Pykeryng and Ric^{d} Scheppard like as it apperith by an obligac̃on in the kepyng of Thom̃s Hale of Budworth Also I beqweth to ye white frerꝭ of Chester to say a trentall of masses for me x^{s} Also I beqweth towardꝭ byyng off bells to Budworth church v^{li} sterlyng Also I ordeyn and make myn executors Robert Legh Sr John Eyton chapleyn and John Kyrkhm̃ to se that yis my ꝑsent will well and truly to be observyd fullfilled and executed In wittnes wheroff John Legh Sr John Smyth chapleyn Rondulph Kyrkhm̃ and others.

TESTAMENTUM MARGARETE RELICTE HUGONIS STARKEY.[1]

Probat ix die Augusti [1526.]

IN the name of God Amen The xj day of July the yeꝛ of o^r Lord God ..... I M^9garate Starky late wiff of Hugh Starky of Olton squier seke in body .... in mynd and of good remembrannce remembryng ye certeytie of deth and the uncerteyntye of the tyme y^roff declare yis my last will ffirst I beqweth my sole to Allmyghtie God and to o^r blessed lady and to all the saintte in hevyn and my body to be buryed in the ꝑich church of Owver Secundarye I will that ye coste of my buryalles be maid of my holle goodes Also I beqweth xx^s in pence to be dellt to poore folke att the day of my burying Also I beqweth to Budworth stepull xx^s and toward the bying of the belles to ye said stepull xx^s Also to Elisabeth my doghto^r vj^s viij^d Also I giff toward ye makyng of Budworth stepull and toward the bying of ye belles my best gowne Also I gyff to Alice Legh my doghto^r my chamlett kyrtill and my wolsted kyrtill my best typett my faldyng and my bok in the church Also I will that my best bonett and my ij gyrdilles be sold by my son Hugh to dispose for my solle Also I beqweth to Emme my doghto^r myñ other bonett and a parttlett Also I beqweth to Anne my doghto^r my flowre Also I beqweth to dame Cicilye my doughto^r my best bedis and a blak ribben Also I beqweth to Anne Legh my newe gowne Also I beqweth to M^9gery my doghto^r my violett gowne Also I beqweth to Elizabeth my doghto^r my pullion of wolsted my purse and my white bonett

[1] Margaret Starkey, according to Dr. Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 104, died before her husband; but from this will it appears that she survived him, though but for a short time. Of her numerous daughters, Elizabeth married Thomas Brooke of Leighton Esq., and Alice was the wife of Robert Legh of High Legh Esq.

Also I beqweth to M⁹grett my doghto^r my p..... of cloth of gold Also I beqweth to Ellyn my doghto^r a ꝑtlett of velvett gar ..... Also I beqweth to my son Hugh a towell of diapur Also I beqweth to Ja[mes] my son xiij^s iiij^d Also I beqweth to y^e ꝑdon of Boston iiij^s Also I beqweth to my cosyn Ellyno^r Sporstaw a lynyñ rayll and a bend of tawney sarsenett Also I beqweth to Anne Walker my blake kyrtill Also I beqweth to Isabell Smyth my tawney gowne Also I beqweth to Anne Sclaver myn old kyrtill And if ther be any goodes unbeqwethed o⁹ yis my said bequest I will that my said son Hugh Starky have yem to dispose for ye helth of my so.... And I ordeyn and make my sole executo^r my said son Hugh Starky to se that yis my ꝑsent testament and last will well and truly to be fullfilled and executed thes beyng wittnes Robert Legh Jamys Starky John Le... Henry Yong and others.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BOETHE.[1]

Non ꝑbatū quia executor renūciarūt.

IN the name off God Amen The ffyrst day of June in the yer̃ of o^r Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth and xxvj: I John Bothe of Barton opon Irwell in the coñntye of Lanc⁹ esquer holle of mynd remēbrance and body make my testament and last wyll conc⁹nyng my moveable goodis in maner and fforme foloȳng ffyrst I

[1] John Booth was the son, by Ellen, daughter of Sir Nicholas Byron of Clayton, of Sir John Booth of Barton, who was killed at the battle of Flodden. He married first Cicely, daughter of Sir John Warren, by whom he had one daughter, Alice; and secondly Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey, by whom he left John Booth his heir, and Dorothy, afterwards wife of James Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. In his pedigree of this family, Baines states that the testator married Anne, daughter of Richard Ashton of Middleton. She was married at Middleton November 22, 1547, to John Booth his grandson.

beqweth my saule to Almyghte God my Redemer to o^r lady Saynt Marye and to all the holly company of heyven and my body to be buried in the parrisshe church off Eccles within Saint Kateryn chapell ther Also I bequeth ffor my mortuarye my best qwyk beast accordyng to the cowstome of holy church Also I bequeth to the edificacõn and makyng up of the said church v^li xiij^s iiij^d Also I will that there shalbe an honest preist and discrete founde to say masse and other divyne service and pray for my saule att Eccles by the space of vij ȝers next after my decesse And the said preist to have yerely ffor his stipēd iiij^li and the sam iiij^li to be taken of my moveable goods and cattells and as heřafter ys specified Also I will that Dorothe my wyff shall have all such takks leysses and gñnts as I now have by the grñnt of the abbott of Qhalley and all advantage and ꝑfetts comyng or groyng of the same toward the fyndyng of the said prest and of his stipend And that the same Dorothe shall have all my right therin duryng all her liff and be my asseigne therof duryng her said liffe. Also I will that the said Dorothe shall have the ward and mariage of all my doghtrs or eny other that shall happen to be my heyer and the custodye off theym and the profetts of all such mañs lanndis teñts rents reꝑsions and hereditaments duryng their nonage what so eꝑ the be which to them or eny of them shalbe belongyng or appteynyng afꝑ my decesse by the law or right off enheritance if they be proved to enherite eny of my said mañs lannds teñts reꝑsions or hereditaments and if it be proved that by the law they can not enherite my said mañs meãs: lannds and teñts I will that they shall have such lannds and teñts as herebesids ben geven to feoffes to theyre use to and for their mariage money as by a feoffament therof made and a will therupon declared more playnly doth appere Also I will that immediatly afꝑ my decesse my executors shall content and pay w^t my moveable goods all my detts which I shalbe indetted at the tyme of my decesse Also I make and orden to be my executors of this my ꝑsent testament my welbeloved wyf

Dorothe and also my cosyns Ric̄ Assheton and Thurstan Tyldisley esquiers and Sr James Bruch clerk vicar of Bethom And I bequeth to ev̄y of my said executors for ther busynes herin to be taken xxs and the residue of all my goods and catellis aft̄ my funerall expensis hade and made and aft̄ my legacies pformed I geve and bequeth to my said wyff Dorothe that she shall dispose the same for the helth of my sawle In wittnes wherof I the said John Bothe to this my p̄sent testament and last will have setto my seall Wreten the day and yere above said These beyng of record Maist̄ Wlm Radcliff son and heyre apparent of Sr Alex̄ Radcliff knyght Thm̄s Massye and Thm̄s Valentyn gentilmen Sir Thom̄s Bowker Sr Thurstan Cocker p̄sts with others.[1]

THE WILL OF DR. THOMAS SPARKE.

Probat̄ ibm viij die Octobris [1527].

IN Dei noĩe Amen xxxo die mensis Augusti Anno Dñi millimo ccccmo vicesimo septimo I Thomas Sparke Doct̄ off Canon [law] hoall off mynde and seeke in bodye do make my will and testamentt in man̄ and [form] folowyng In primis I giff and beqweth my soule to Almyghty God and to his blessed mother or lady Saint Marie and all the celestiall company of heyven and my bodye to be bured wtin the white freris of Chest̄ in thar̄ chansell affore the revesture durr by my cosyn Roger Smyth and thei to have for my laystall xiijs iiijd Itm my mortuarye to the p̄son off Sainct Peters aft̄ the forme use and custom of the law Itm I will that ev̄y preest that comyth to my dirige and masse to pray for my sawle have iiijd and the por̄ people to have bredd Also I will that the lights of wax that shalbe at my ffunerall be made as myn executors and overseer shall thynke moost

[1] The inventory is dated...January 1526 [1526–7.]

accordyng w^{t} owte greate pompe or pryed Itm I beqweth to maister officiall my ryng w^{t} the saffur my hatt and my rydyng hodd Itm I beqweth to Agnes Cradokke and hyr howseband vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm to hyr son Justinean xx^{li} to make hym a stokke w^{t} and the forsaid Justinean be bownd prentise at sm occupacon for the tme and space of x yer Also I will that his maist puttyng in suertise to myn executors and assignes have and occupie the forsaid xx^{li} withowt any increasse payng to the forsaid Justinean or any other bott onely to pay and deliv the forsaid xx^{li} to the forsaid Justinean when his pretiship of x yere is comyn upp exspired and past and if it so fortune that the forsaid Justinean dye and departe within the yeris off his prentship or sone aft or he occupye the forsaid xx^{li} for hym selfe that then the forsaid xx^{li} be delyvered to myn executors and for fawte and lake of them to Edmude Democke drap and my cosyn Wiłłm Flecher baker wich I orden and make myn assignes and thei to disspose it for my soule Itm I beqweth to my servand Willia Hamant vj angeletts of gold my chamlet jacket my chamlet dowblet and a payre of blacke howse Itm to my servand Ales Hawarden xx^{s} Itm to hir iij susters to ichon off them vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to my cosyn Elsabeth Smyth doght^{r} unto yonge Thms ij angeletts off gold on to hir weddyng and the other to hir ppur use Itm to Jane Smyth wyff to my cosyn yong Thomas Smyth my bowndon facer and my gilde spone Itm to Sr Henr Bullyg my sateyn typpett furred with blake coney on of my best cappis a payer of blacke howse unpoynted a fustion petecote furred with catts Itm to Sr Willia Granger my seconde sarsnet typpett a blacke cappe and a payre of blacke howse Itm to my bedewoma xxij^{s} vj^{d} Itm to the pson of Sanct Michaells my garnech sarsnet typett Itm to Elyn Flecher that dwellith w^{t} my cosyn yong Thomas Smyth vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to the iij orders off freris x^{s} that is to evy howse iij^{s} iiij^{d} to the repacon of there howses Itm to Ales Smyth doght^{r} to my cosyn yonge Thomas Smyth vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to litill Jane Golbron vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to lityll Robt Smyth son

unto Peris Smyth vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I will my signet be solde and dissposed upon Frodsam brygge Itm I will the maisters of Boston have vj^{s} viij^{d} for that I am behynde with them for my lett^{r} and then all the rest off the forsaid vj^{s} viij^{d} be to the repacon of o^{r} ladys chapell of Bestō [*sic*] Itm I will that all my goodis moveable and unmoveable unbequest be solde and that money and all other money that is laft ov my funerall be att the disposicon of myn executors to wage a prest y^{t} is sadde virtuose and gud of levyng and off goud name and fame to pray for my soule my faders mother and such as shalbe named and all cristyn soules and the said pest to syng masse w^{t}in the white frers att the hyght alter and he to have my missall to say masse upon as long as he doith syng for me and then the forsaid boke to remayne to the place Itm I will that where ther be any fowle wayes nyght the citie wher y^{t} both man and best standith in jopardy and pell of peshyng in comyg to the marketh for the comyn welthe y^{t} then I will such be holpon with pte of the forsaid money y^{t} is lafte as myn executors shall thynke best Also I do orden and make myn executors Raffe Rogson Hugh Aldersey and Sr Henry Bullyng pest I will that Raff Rogson have my velvet dowlet for his labur and Hugh Aldersey my scarlet jacket gardett w^{t} velvet for his labur Also I make my cosyn Thomas Smyth the elder myn ovseer of this my testamēt and he to have my holpe of gold to see my will fulfilled Geven the day and yere above rehersed.

THE WILL OF RICHARD STARKEY OF STRETTON ESQUIRE.[1]

Probat̃ in ec: coll. Sc̃i Jo. Cestr̃ xv° die Januarii [1527–8].

IN the name off God Amen the xxix^th^ day off May the yer̃ off o^r^ Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth xxvj^th^ and the yere off the reign off Kyng Henry the viij^th^ the xviij^th^ I Richard Starky off Stretton in the countie off Chester squire off the dioc̃ off Lichefeld and Coventre beyng off hole mynde and memory thanked be Almyghty God and syke in my body ordeyn and make my testament and last will in man̄ and forme as hereaft̃ ensueth ffurst I bequeth my sowle to Almyghty God my Maker and Redem̃ to the blessed virgyn and mod^r^ o^r^ lady Saynt Mary and to the gloryous co^r^te off heyvyn my body to be buryed in the channcell off the p̄sshe church of Budworth whe̅r my gr"nnte fad^r^ and my ffad^r^ be buryed It̃m I bequeth my best beyst to be my mortuarye It̃m I bequeth towards the makyng off the roode seler at Budworth vj^s^ viij^d^ It̃m to the yle off the said church vj^s^ viij^d^ It̃m I bequeth to bye leyde w^t^ ffor the said yle vj^s^ viij^d^ It̃m I will that myn executors shall ordeyn and make xiij^th^ taps or surges off wax to bren upon the herse ov̄ my body duryng the tyme off the ffuneralls Also I will that myn executor^s^ shall ordeyn and make viij torches to bren abowte myn herse duryng the dyrge and ffun̄alls and aft̃ the said funeralls doon I bequeth iiij of the said torches to the p̄sshe church off Budworth and the other iiij to the chapell of Stretton And I will that the vicare of the said church of Budworth be agreyed w^t^ for thay̅ Also I will that viij pore men that shall berre the said torches have ev̄y oon off theym a

[1] Richard Starkey was the son of Geoffrey Starkey of the Lower Hall in Stretton, by Joan, eldest daughter and coheir of Roger Derbie of Chester, and married a daughter of Byrom of Byrom in the county of Lancaster.

white gowne and iiij^{d} in money for thaiř labour Also I will that thesse men heraft named be the said viij men yff they be then on lyve orrells to take other in the styde of theym that be deyd by the discressōn off myn executoř that ys to say John Howpe John Aspynshagh Hugh Caldewall Rauff Hall Rich Morres Roger Myllyngton Geffrey Millyngton off Nether Whitley and Randyll Starky Also I bequeth towards the maynteynyng of devyne service off the chapell or orrotorye of Saynt Savyo^{r} off Stretton a chalice gylt w^{t} these words graven in the upper pte of the said chalice on the owte syde Ex dono Riči Starky Itm to the use off the said chapell a boke of the liff of Saynt Thomas of Cantbury Itm I gyff to the use of the said chapell a sylv pece pcell gylt they to py for my sowle my ffader sowle my brod Thomas Byrom sowle and all christen sowles Also I gyff and bequeth towards the repacons and makyn of a newe steple att the said chapell of Stretton xl^{s} and towards a gretter bell to ryng in it other xl^{s} And wheř by my dede I have enfeoffed Laurence Starky and other in cten messes landes and teñts w^{t} in the counties of Chest and Lanchast for the pformance of my last will as in the sam dede it may appere moř at large it ys the last will of me the said Richard Starky the elder nev by me to be channged that my said feoffes shall contynue and be feoffies off the pmysses to the onely use of me for tme of my liff and aft my deceasse I will that my said feoffyes of the issues and pfetts of my said lands soo put in feoffament shall delyver unto myn executors as it shall yerely come and growe of the same lands the some of twenty pownds the which executors I will that they w^{t} the advise of the supvisor of this my testamēt and last will immedyatly aft my deceasse shall fynd an able pst of good convsacōn to syng for my sowle my wyffs sawles my breder sowles and all cristen sowles in the chapell of Stretton by the space of fyve yeres yf he may be suffered to syng at the said chapell orrells at the pisshe church of Budworth duryng the said ffyve yers gyffyng to the said pst ffor his stypend or waiges evy yere iiij^{li} and wheř my said

feoffes at my request and desire have by their wrtyng indented gyffen and grannted unto my sonnes Richard and Peyrs for ye ̃me of their lyffs ye ̃ten lands and teñts to the yerely value off iiij^{li} or thereabowts of my said lands soo put in feoffament as by the said deds indented it may appeř moř at large it ys also my will that if the said Richard Starky or Perys or auther of theym be stopped hyndreth or lett to receyve the issues and ꝑfetts off the said lands soo gyffen to theym by my sone Thomas or by any other ꝑson or ꝑsons that then my said feoffies shall make a suř and sufficient grannt of annuities or annuall rents owt of my said lands and teñts soo put in feoffament to the clere yerely value of iiij^{li} ov̄ all charges and repr̄ses that is to say to my son Richard for ye ̃me of his lif xl^{s} and to my son Pyers for ye ̃me of his lif xl^{s} w^{t} clauses of distresse to be conteyned in the seid grannts nownepayment at deyes and ye ̃mes usuell Also I will that my son Thomas have all heyr lomes that of right aft̄ the custome and usage of the shyre of Chest̄ belongeth to hym to have Also I gyff and bequeth to my cosyn Jane Sonky evy yere duryng the space of iij yeres next aft̄ my deceasse yf she be then on lyf xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm I giff to Issabell Starky towards her maryage orrells towards her fyndyng yf she be ordered and gydet by my son Thomas and my cousyn Ric^{d} Merbury iiij^{li} Itm to my god childer Richard Pyckeryng and Richard Hatton either of theym viij^{d} Itm to George Newton xij^{d} Itm I gyf and bequeth to thuse and repacons off the chapell and steple of Streton viij^{li} The residue of all my goods and catells not bequethed ov̄ and byside my detts paid my funall doon and my legacyes ꝑformed I gyf to my sonnes Sir Henry Sir Symon Geffrey Richard and Pyers whom I orden make and constitute to be myn executor^{s} of this my testamēt and last will trustyng in theym that they shall see it truly ꝑformed executed and doon w^{t} the advise and councell of my broder Pyers Starky whome I also orden assigne and tenderly desire to be supvisor of my said will Also I will and charge all my seid sonnes and childer that yf any contravsie or dowte fortune

to be amonges theym for any article or clause contened in this my last will that they shalbe theryn ordreth and advised by my seid broder and the seid dowte to be expowndet and intꝑtated by my seid broder upon payne of hym that refuseth to lose my blessyng These beyng witnesse Richard Merbury gentilman Sir Pyers Lacheford Sir Rogur Potte ꝑsts Issabell Starky and other.

TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII DUTTON DE DUTTON ARMIGERI.[1]

Probat̃ in ecclia coll̃ Sc̃t Johis Cest̃ xx die Januarii [1527–8].

TO all men to whom thys present wrytyng indented and last will off me Laurence Dutton of Dutton in the countie off Chest̃ esquyer shall come here or see I the said Laurence send gretinge in o^r Lord God everlastynge and knowe ye me the said Laurence beying in good and perfyte remembrannce intendyng at the tyme of my dethe when it shall please owr Lord God that I shall dye and depart out off this myserable and transytory world to channge my lyff lyke as a true christen man ought to do Wherfore I the said Laurence the iiij^th day off October the yer̃ off our Lord God mdxxvij and in the yere off the reigne of our souvain lord Kyng Henry the viij^th the xix do make and declare my last will and testement as well cōcnynge all my goods catells and fermes as all my manēres lands teñts and heredytaments w^t other my possessones in forme followinge ffyrst I bequethe my soule to Almyghty God

[1] The testator was son and heir of Roger Dutton of Dutton Esq., and married Joan, daughter of Robert Duckenfield of Duckenfield Esq. This ancient family continued here in the male line from the time of the Conquest until the death of Thomas Dutton in 1614, whose only daughter Elleanor married Gilbert Lord Gerard of Gerard's Bromley in Staffordshire.

besecheinge humbly our blessed lady and all the holy compeny of hevyn to be mediators for me to the holy trenyte to accepte the same to the eternall blysse of hevyn And I will that my body shalbe buryed and enterred amongs other my anncestoures in the chapell of our blessed lady wtin the monastery of Norton Also I will that evy preist that shalbe at my buryeng to praye for my soul have xijd evy clerke iiijd and evy pore man and woman jd and all other thyngs necessary and cōvenyent for the same I put to the ordryng will and discrecōn of suche person or psones as I shall name to be myn executor or executors and put in trust at the tyme of my dethe or seche other persone as shalbe present and ordur for me att my departur Also I bequethe to maister vicare off Budworth my curate my best beast for my mortuary and xxs in money over his other duties to pray for my soule beseeching hym of forgevynes for suche thyngs as I have not done my dutie to God holy churche and hym Also I bequethe toward the reparacōn of the perishe churche of Budworth and toward the beyng of ornaments therunto fyve marks And to the mother church off Coventrye and Lychefeld xxs Also I bequethe to my doughtr Isabell towards hyr mariage v hundreth marks if she be not maryed in my lyff and the same to be levyed and perceyved as heraftre shall appere And if she be maryed and part of the money not payd the rest beinge then due to be payd of the profetts of my lands in forme as hereaft shall appere in my said will And in like man I bequethe to my doughter Dowce v hundreth marks towards her mariage if she be not maried in my lyff to be levyed and perceyved as heraft shall appere And if she be maried and part of the said fyve hundreth marks unpayed that the rest and residue shalbe payd in forme as is above expssed for my doughter Issabell And my will is that if my said doughteres or on of theym be not maryed in my lif that they or she that is unmaried after my decesse shalbe ordred in their or hir mariage by the advyse of my said executour or executoures and feffes or the more part of theym Also I will that all my

detts w^t^out delay be fully contented and payd and if I have offended or wronged any person or persones that they shalbe fully recompensed and agreed by myn executour or executours Also I bequeth to Sir Edmond Asheton preist to sing for my soule and my wyffe soules and our anncestoures soules and especiall the soules for whom I am most bounden to praye evy yere by the space of xx^ty^ yeres the some of sevyn marks And if the said Edmond dye duryng the said xx^ti^ yeres that then a nother honest pst be provyded by myn executour or executours to syng and pray for my soule and the soules aboverehersed the residue of the said xx^ti^ yeres having yerely the said seven marks for his selary and the same to be taken of the rents issues and pfetts of my lands and tenemēts in Moldesworth Also I will that all my howsold serv^"^nts as well men as women be fully contentyd and satisfied of there wages and evy of theym after my decesse to have a quarter wages above theire dutie to pray for my soule Also I bequethe to evy on of my bastard chyldern as well sones as doughtours iiij kye or iiij heffers Also I bequethe unto the reperacōn of Acton brydge and high way thunto adjoyng twynty pounds if I reper it not myself in my lyff Also I bequethe unto Mergaret Bothe fourty pounde in money of my goods to be delyvered unto hur immediatly after my decesse toward the fynding of hir and hir children and to pray for my soule and all christen soules And for the orderyng and disposicōn of all my landis and heredytaments I the said Laurence declar my will in man and forme as folowith ffurst I will John Dutton my bastard sone shall have to hym his heyers and assignes all and evy such lands and tenements w^t^ their apptennts that hath ben purchased by me the seid Laurence or by eny other to my use w^t^in the countie of Chest or ells where and that my feoffes theroff shall stand and be seised after my decesse to the use of the said John and to his heyers or to his assignes Also I will that the seid John have for the terme of his liff all my lands in Annston which be of the yerely value of fyve pounde above charges

and the mosse fylds nowe being in the sev̄all holldings of the seid John Dutton Hugh Jannȳn John Jannȳn Agnes the wyff of Raynald Taylior payng yerely for the said mossefilds for all suts and servyces vj^{s} viij^{d} to me the seid Laurence and to the heres males of my bodie lawfully be geton and for fault of such issue payng yerely duryng the seid t̄me to Sir Perys Dutton knyght and to the heyers males of his bodye lawfull begoton vj^{s} viij^{d} And I will that my feoffes therof shall stand seased after my dethe to the use of the said John during his liff and in likewise I will that my feoffes of all my landis in Northwiche which be of the yere [*sic*] value of xij^{li} shall stand seased of percell therof of the yerly value of viij^{li} to the use of Thomas Dutton and Robert Dutton my bastard sonnes for terme of their severall lyves and shall suffre theym equally to receyve and take the profetts therof aftre the dethe of me the said Laurence duryng their said lyves that is to wit either of theym iiij^{li} and of landis of the yerely value off iiij^{li} residue of the said sume of xij^{li} I will that my said feoffes shall stand seased to the use of the said John Dutton Thomas Dutton and Robert Dutton ffor terme of their sev̄all lyves that is to wete ev̄y of theym severally xxvj^{s} viij^{d} And I will that the said John shall have the noïac̄on and makyng of ten"nts of the saidis landis of the yerely value of iiij^{li} duryng his lif payng yerely for the same to the seid Thm"s and Robert liij^{s} iiij^{d} at the termes usuell by evyn porc̄ons duryng their saide lyves And where I have bequethed to eyther of my said doughtors Isabell and Dowce fyve hundreth m"rks towards their mariages I will and it is my full mynd that my saide feoffes shall suffre the said Sir Peris Dutton who for default off issue male of my body lawfully begoten is my next ryght heyer male as appereth by my old evydences yerely to content and paye after my decesse unto the said Issabell and Dowce at the festes off the Nativitie of Saynt John Baptist and Saynt Martyn in wynt̄ or within xl dayes aft̄ either of the said feists next ensuyng on hundreth marke of lawfull money unto such tyme as either of the saidis Isabell and Dowce

or their assignes be fully content and payd v hundreth marks towards their mariage if they so longe doe lif Also I will that my seids feoffes shall suffre the same Sir Perys aft my decesse to content and paye unto Katerine[1] and Anne my bastard doughters lxxx^{li} off lawfull money that ys to wit either of them xl pounde to their mariage to be payed as folowith that is to wit yerely unto the said Katyn iiij^{li} at the said feists or w^{t}in xl dayes then next folowyng and to the said Anne iiij^{li} unto suche tyme either of theym have receyved by the hands of the said Sir Perys his heyers or assignes xl pounde ffor their mariage if they so longe doe lif Provyded that my said basterd doughtours and either of theym shalbe ordred by my executo^{r} or executours and feoffes or by the more parte off theym And if the said Sir Perys Dutton his heyers or assignes do not yerely well and truly content and paye as well unto Isabell and Dowce my mulier doughtours the said said [*sic*] some of on hundreth marks as to the seid Kateryn and Anne my bastard doughtours suche sumes of money as before I willyd to thaym ffor their mariage then I will that as well the said Sir Perys Dutton as all other my feoffes shall permyt and suffre the seids Isabell and Dowce and their assignes yerely to perceyve and take on hundreth marks sterlyng of all and evy the issues rents pfetts and advanntages of all my lands and tenemēts in Wyston Nesse Stone Downam Happesford Stawke Pycton Arrowe and Legh in the countie of Chester yerely unto such tyme as either of theym or their assignes have receyved fyve hundreth marks toward their mariage as ys above said And shall also suffre and permyt the seid Kateryn and hir assignes yerely to receyve and take all the issues rents and profetts aft my decesse off all my landes in Acton in the said countie of Chester except my purchased lands which I have gyffen to my said son John unto such tyme as the said Kateryn or hir assigenes have receyved the said some of xl pounde And inlikwyse the said Anne

[1] Katherine married John, a younger son of Ralph Done of Flaxyards in the county of Chester Esq., and had issue Ralph, ob. s.p., and Richard Done of Chester.

my bastarde doughto^r or hir assignes to receyve all the issues rents and profetts of all my landys in Berterton af^t my decesse except my said purchaste lands which I have gevyn unto my said sonne John unto such tyme the said Anne or hir assigne have receyvt xl poundes ffor their mariage upon such condissōn as is above rehersed Also I will that my feoffes off tow tenementis with their appurten^ce in Dutton which be of the yerely value of xlix^s viij^d and now in the holdyng of the forsaid Margett Boith immediatly af^t my decesse shall stand and be seased therof to the use of the said Margett for terme of hir lif And I will that the said Thomas Dutton my bastard sonne shall have for terme of his lif a mease and landis called the m^che which late was in the holdyng of Laurence Dutton paying therfore yerly to me the said Laurence and to the heires males of my body lawfully begoten and for default off such issue to the said Sir Peris Dutton and the heyers males of his body lawfully begoten the rents therof due and accustomed And further I will that all my feoffes and their heyers aftur my decesse shall stand and be seased off my maner off Dutton with the appurten^nces to the use of me and off my heyers males of my body lawfully begoten and for default of such issue to the use of the said Sir Perys Dutton and the heyers males of his body lawfully begoten And off all the residue of my said maners lands and tenementis except my purchaste lands af^t this my ꝑsent will pformed to the use of the heyers males of my body begoten and for default of such issue to the use of the said Sir Perys and off his heyers males of his body lawfully begoten Also I will that all such lands and tenements as myn uncle Arnalde Dutton purchaste of on Mosse in Bedfordchyr which lands and tenements be of the yerely value of x^s remayne and come immediatly aftur my decesse to the said Mosse and his heyers and that he shall have delyvt unto hy all evydences and wrytyngs onely concernyng the same Also I will that if Sir Peris Dutton his heyers or eny other that shall fortune to be myn heyers male do distowurbe and lett my seid

doughtours feoffes or executor or executours or eny of theym or eny other ꝑson or ꝑsons befor̃ named to receyve and take the revenuez issues and profetts of the forsaid maners lands and tenements or off eny ꝑte of theym accordyng to this my ꝑsent last will or vex inquiet or trowble theym or eny of theym by sute or other wyse for the same that then I will that my said feoffes and myn executour or executours shall alyene and sell my man̄ of Nesse all my meses lands and tenemēts in Nesse and Stawke afor said to whom they shall thynke moost convenyent to have to hym or theym and their heyers in fegh and wt the money therof receyved and taken by my said executour or executours they shall defende the said Sir Perys Dutton or eny other person or ꝑsons that soo shall lett distourbe vex inquiet or trowble the ꝑformanñce of my said will And also see my will fully performed and the surplushach of the said money to dispose for my soule and the soules of myn anncestres and all christen soules Also I orden and make the said John Dutton my bastard sonne my true and faithfull executour moost hertly prayng and beseecheyng hym and also all my feoffes and frendes and ev̄y of thaym to helpe and putto their good myndes to execute ꝑforme and fulfyll this my ꝑsent will and testament chaurgeynge my said executour soo to do as he will answare before Almyghty God at the ferefull day of jugement Also I ordeyn and make Sir John Port knyght on of the Justices of the Kyngs Benche overseer of this my present will humbly beseeching hym for the grete love he haith born unto me in my liff that it will pleas hym to see this my present will in all thyngs performed and to help my said executour ffor the accomplishement of the same And I will that the said Maister Port shalbe rewarded and recompensed for his payn which he shall take in the same by my said executour accordyngly In witness wherof I the said Laurence to this my present will indented have putto my seale these beyng witnesses Sir Willm Hardwar̃ vicar of Budworth Perys Wynyngton Richard Leftwich John Wynyngton of the Harmytage the yonger John Dutton off

Hellysby John Grymyseyche Laurence Hatton Sir Willm Browne ꝑist and others Yeven the day and yeꝛ above said.

Concordat cū ꝓbato
R. Wydhope.

TESTAMENTUM HAMNETTI HARINGTON DEFUNCTI.[1]

Probat penultio die Januarii [1527–8].

IN Dei nom̃ Amen Primo die May anno Dm̃ mccccxxvij I Hamnet Haryngton esquier holl of mynd and of gud memorie although deseased in my body make my last will and testmēt in this man̄ ffyrst I be qwheathe my sall to Almyghty God and our blessed lady and to all his saints and my body to be buried in the ꝑoch church of Saynct Myghell of Huyton wtin the towmbe in my chapell and my best beast to the ꝑson of the said church in the name of my mortuaꝛ̃ Also I will that wheaꝛ̃ I have infefid Sir Richard Bold knyght John Eccleston esquier Thomas Penketh and Rauff Bury gentilmen in sertan lands called Ꝑker's filds in Knowsley and also of the halfe of on mese and of all othr bigings wt theaꝛ̃ apprtenās and the half of all lands and tenementis ꝑtinyng to the same late in the holdyng of Thm̃s Deane in Huyton wich I lately ꝑcheased of the said Thomas late of the aneritaunce of Esabell doughtour of John Staynall that they shall stand feoffes seased of the ꝑmisses to the use of me for tme of my lif remeyn̄ ov̄ to Thomas Haryngton my son for tme of his lif and if it fortune the said Thomas to decease afoꝛ̃

[1] Hamnet Harrington, descended from Nicholas Harrington (the first of Huyton Hey), a younger brother of Sir William Harrington of Hornby Castle Knt., married Margaret, daughter of Ralph Eccleston Esq.; marriage covenant dated 12th August 3 Henry VII. He was succeeded in the estate by Percival, son of his brother, Richard Harrington deceased.

Jamys Haryngton my cosyn and ꝑv"nt then I will that the said Jamys shal have all and senguler the ꝑmisses for ꝑme of his lif and aft̃ thair desease and the long̃ lyṽ of thaym all and eṽy of the said meses landis tenements rents wt thaĩ apprtenās shall remeyn to Percyvall Haryngton my cosyn and heyr and to the heyers male of his body lawfully to be goten And for defawte of such issue the said feoffes to stand seased to the use of the right heyers of me the said Hamnet for eṽ Also I will that xijd of cheiff rent going owt of the tenamēt late in the holdyng of the forsaid Thomas Deane be to the use of the said Ꝑcyvall and his heyers Also I will that my wif have hyr dower and feoffamēt made to hir of all my lands accordyng to the lawe Also I will that my cosyn Nicolas Tyldesley shall have to hym and his heyers for eṽ all such lands and tenemēts which I lately ꝑcheased of the said Nic̃ in Huyton and Wolfall and also all those lands and tenements wt fre rent of xiijd by yere of the same wich lately weĩ sold to Wiłłm Harison by Richard Tyldesley father of the said Nic̃ whose state an right I have in the same so that the said Nic̃ do and cause to be done the feoffes of the said Nic̃ to seall by indent̃ an annuall rent of xxs by yeĩ going owte of the said lands and tenements of the foresaid Nicolas unto tyme the holl sume of xvij marks xjs iiijd be renēn up to Thomas Penketh or his assignes aft̃ the desease of me the said Hamnet to the use of Thomas Haryngton my sone be fully content and paid Provided alwayes that if it fortyn the said Thomas to decease afore the gods be renȳn up then I will that Jamys Haryngton shal have the residue of all such rents as shall fortyn to be behynd Also I will that my cosyn and heyĩ Ꝑcyvall Haryngton shall suffer all such purchasyd lands to stand and be accordyng to my will Also I will that Hamnet Stokley and his wyf shalhave such landis and tenements as I have set theym by indentuĩ for terme of lif accordyng to the same Also I will that Robert Gernett wif shall have a tenemēt acordyng to such gifts as I have made hir during hir lif Also I will that iij kye being now in

myn awne handis be delyved to our ladis stock of Huyton And also I will yt myn executors do make a glasse wyndow in the northe syde of the church Also I wyll that xxte marks be bestawed and distrbute at my buryall and also I will yt xxxte masses be songen and said for a trentall if there be pists sufficient at my said buryall Also I will that the said Pcyvall my cosyn and heyr have all my harnes yt is [to] say jakks saletts and othr hernes belongȳg to the same and the half of my bowes and all sheff aroys the half of my mke aroys the othr half I gyf to Jamys Haryngton and the gwyv which my bowes and aroys byn in to stand and be an ayrlone And also I will that the said Percyvall shalhave the long bord in the perlur with trists and formes pteyn̄g to the same and also the grate bed in the plur a fethr bede and a mates and othr anowrnamēts wt the covyn̄g wt the armys upon ptenyn̄g to the same bed and the cofur wt the cleket lok in the chambr ov the botry Also I will yt the said Pcyvall have all my bed cases of treſ except ij for my wyf and hir maydins Also I will that he have ij cofurs in my closed wich myn evidens byn in and they to stand styll and the closet dur not to be opened till the said Pcyvall come home Also I will that the greate formes the greate brendreth the great spytt a bull and a bore to be ayrelomes to the said Pcyvall so that he do not stope ne lett this my will to be full filled And also I will yt the said Thomas my son shall have the half of ye tēment now in the holdyng of Hamnet Hey duryng the lif of Riſ Kell and also all such time of yeris which I have of the demyes of Elisabeth Birbonis then being wedo and of Niſ Tildisley for landis in Huyton as apereth by indenturys made therof Also I will that the said Thomas my son shalhave xli to be takyn of my gods and catallis yerely and pticulerly as he shall nede it towards his keping to the scoll yf he have fortyn of lif Also I will yt the said Jamys Haryngton my srvnt shalhave all my ornaments and cloase for my body except my blak gowne which I gif my wyf my chamlet gowne to my cosyn Pcyvall my Kyndall jakkets to John Rotrford

Also I gif to the said Jamys the don geldyng which he is wont to ryde on Also I will y^{t} Elsabeth Haryngton shalhave a heffur in calf and ij bolokks of the best sort undrawen and the othur ij bolokks I gif to Jamys Haryngton and the bed that he lyis in Also I gif to Hamnet Stokley my godson my bett^{r} don fely Also I gif to Cicilie Toxstath on hefur styrke Also I gif to Sir Thomas Molinuex my p̃st xx^{s} to say ij trentalls for me incōtinēt af^{t} my decease Also I will yat weaſ my broth^{r} Ric̃ Haryngton clayme to have had sith the death of ou^{r} father Nic̃ Haryngton by yeſ xl^{s} wherof the said Ric̃ hase biñ truly payd by yeſ xxx^{s} and the residue we were agrett y^{t} as long as ou^{r} mothur in lawe Kat̃in Haryngton lyved to have no moſ but the said xxx^{s} and at af^{t} hir decease then to have xl^{s} by yeſ duryng my said brothur Ric̃ lif Also I will that Sir Henſ Gorsuch shalhave xl^{s} for such ꝯves as he hase done and to pray for me if my goods will extend therto And also I will y^{t} if my goodes wyll extend to hit ev̄y on of my s^{r}v^{n}nts dwellyng w^{t} me the tyme of my death shalhave half a qwat̃ wayges forth^{r} then they have s^{r}ved to pray for my saull Also I will y^{t} when all this my will is fully ꝑformed in ev̄y pownt and articull yat than the residue of my goods and cattalls to be dist^{r}bute and bestawed for my saulhelth at the dist^{c}on of my executors And I orden and make myn executors John Eccleston esquier George Lath^{n}m and Rauff Burye gentylmen to orden and dispose for my saulhelth as thay shall answaſ afore God And also I will that ichon of theym shalhave x^{s} apese to be taken of my goods for theiſ labur And all costs necessarie ov̄ and besids to be borne of my goods and cattalls Also I will y^{t} Laurens Crosse John Justice Robſt Elle and Henry Ley and Jamys Halsall have ichon a white gowne to beſ ocheon a torche the day of my buryall The ov̄seer of this my last will and testmēt I make Sir Willm Leyland knyght Sealed in the p̃sens of Sir Henry Gorsuch p̃st George Eccleston Jamys Haryngton Willm Wodfall gentilmē Hamnet Stokley and oth^{rs} the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI WALTON.[1]

IN Dei noïe Amen The vijth day of the moneth of Januarye the yere of our Lord a thousand v hundreth and xxvijth I Willm Walton ꝑste seke in body and hoole in mynde make my testament and last will in this man̄ folowynge ffyrst I bequethe my soule to Almyghte God our blessed lady his moder and to all sanctes and my body to be buryed in the churche off Croston und^{r} the rode celler afore the chauncell Also I bequethe my best beyste to the vicar of the said churche for my mortuarye and in the name of my princepall Also I gyve and bequethe to an able ꝑist xij marks to synge masse and to pray for my soule and the soules of all myn anncestours and for all chrystyn soules in the said church by the space of ij yeres next after my decesse Also I gyve and bequethe to the chapell of Longeton a masse boke a chalyce and all other ornaments belongyng and ꝑtenyn̄g to the celebrõn of masse Also I geve in my life and bequethe in this my last will to Robert ffaryngton sone of Ric̃ ffarington ye channtre which I of late have purchased founded and putt in feoffamẽt to certen feoffes as doith appere w^{t} a declaracõn of my will mynde and testamẽt quadripertite therunto annexed for the contynuance ꝑservacõn and fulfillynge of the same which feoffament and declaracõn of my said will and testamẽt is dated the xxth day of May the ixth yere of the regne off Kyng Henre the viijth and also sealed w^{t} my seale and the ordynaryes seale the xxvijth day of the moneth of May in the yere of our Lord God a thowsand v hundreth and xvijth and the ixth yere of the regne of Kyng Henre the viijth the which channtrie is founded for the chapelle of Longeton w^{t} all mess̃ tenements burgages landis and other thapp^{r}ten^{a}nce y^{r}unto belongyng in fulfillyng and ꝑformnyng my will under such condicõns covenannts

[1] No date of probate.

and articles named specified and declared in my said feoffament and in my will and testament quadriptite y^ꝯ^opon declared dated as aforesaid ꝑvided alwayes that whyles the said Robt doith want lafull age to be ꝑst (that is to wete vj yeres) then I will y^t^ Sir John Walton occupye and solempne dyvine s^r^vice at the forsaid chapell of Longeton Butt I will that he receyve his wages yerely duryng the said vj yeres of and by the hands off Ric̃ Faryngton aforesaid And forther I will y^t^ John Walton ꝑst in his tyme and also Robt Faryngton in his tyme and all other preests in theyr̃ tyme successively for ev̄ shal dispose ordur and use theymself accordynge to my said will mynd and testament made and declared opon the sayd feoffamēt afor̃ dated Also I will geve and bequeth that aft^r^ the tyme of Sir John Walton and also aft^r^ the tyme of the said Robert Faryngton the said channtre w^t^ all and singler thapp^r^ten̄nce y^ꝯ^to belongynge shall remayne holle for ev̄mor̃ deputed ordyned assigned geven and ꝑsentyd by the patrons and donatorns in theyr turnes accordynge to the declaraco̅n off my feoffament and will to one of my blode and kynne and of my name (if ther be any) ev̄ so descendyng lynally fro tyme to tyme from us provided alwayes that nother my said feoffament and will theropon made and declared dated aforesaid nor also the ꝑste so ꝑsented for the tyme beyng shall in any tyme thereaft^r^ be ꝑiudiciall hurtfull or nyous to the church of Penwo^r^th̄m as in mynissheyng delayng or w^t^drawyng or defraudyng any rightes customes or uses here tofore accustomed and used to the said church And forther I will that iiij scedules be made quadriptite indented and sealed w^t^ my seale and unto the oy^ꝯ^ my feoffament and will annexed according to the true purport and meanīge of this my ꝑsent last will and in full accomplisshement of the same. Also I will y^t^ ev̄y ꝑst for the tyme being for ev̄more shall make sufficiant reparacо̅ns and bydgynges of howses mess: burgages tenementes w^t^ other thappurten̄nce of his tenandes (as ofte as shalbe necessary and nedefull) opon his owen ꝓpur costs and charges Also I bequeth to Agnes

Walton the doughꝯ of Emote Hobson vj markes or the value of vj markes Also I bequeth to Elene Hunꝯ xl^s of money or the value yꝯof Also I geve and bequeth to Henry ffarington squier xl^s Also I bequeth iiij syses of ots and xx^ti mettes of barlye to be dealed and dyvided amonge pore folkes for my soule helthe and mȳn anncetours fforther moř I orden and make Thomas Walton the sone of Kaꝯyn Mylñ my true onely lawfull and last executor to deale and dispose for me and in my name all the foresaid gyftes and bequedes as he will answař me afore the hegh judge at the dredefull day of dome Also I bequeth to the forsaid Thomas all my goodes moveable and unmoveable the which I have w^tin the counť of Lanc̃ to divide mynisꝯ deale and dispose amonge his chyldren and for my soule helth And Henre ffarington and John Botler squyers to be supervisors and oꝯseers of this my ꝑsent testamēt and last will In witnes wherof to this my ꝑsent testamēt and last will I have putto my seall These beinge witnes Richard ffarington Henre Sherdeley Edward Wildynge George Robȳson Ric̃ Tarleton and others Geven the day and yeř afoř said.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH HURLESTON OF CHESTER WIDOW.

Probatū fuit in ecclia coll Sťi Johis Cesꝯ secundo die Aprilis anno Dm̃ m ccccc xx viij^o

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IN the name off God Amen In the yeř off o^r Lord God a thowsand v hundreth and xxvij^th and the xxiij^th day off March I Elizabeth Hurleston of Chesꝯ wydow syke in body and holle off mynd make my last wyll and testament in mañ and forme folowyng ffyrst I beqweth my saule to Allmyghty God and to o^r lady Sent Mary and to all the holle company off heyvyn and my body to be buryed in the poch

church off Sayntt Brygitts in the chappell of o^{r} lady by my husbond Itm I will therbe in bredde ale wyne and other necessaryeys to be spend at my buryall att the dyscrecion off my exequutors Itm I beqweth to the said parish church off Seynt Brigitts on chales off sylv w^{t} on vestmēt and all thyngs therto belongyng for a pst to syng masse w^{t} now beyng in the same church and chapell And also I beqweth to the same church on covyng off venrrs for a bedd that my husbonds soule and myne maybe p^{c}yd fore Itm I beqwheth to the graye frers and to the blakke ffrers yche of theyme vj^{s} viij^{d} and also to the whyte ffrers x^{s} Itm I will therbe v p^{r}ncipall lyghtis abowte my beryall and xij whyte gownes and viij torches Itm I beqwheth to my sonne Nicolas my gylt cupp w^{t} the cov Itm I beqwheth to my doght^{r} Ellyn fflecher a broche of gold and my golde ringges Itm ij pares of flaxen shetes Itm a bassyn and on ewer off pewt^{r} two chandelers beyng in the buttre and on dyaper table cloth a fyne towell and on test^{r} for a bedd off grene bukeram Itm I beqweth to my sonne Sr Rauff a fedd^{r} bedde and a bolst ij covletts two blankettes ij paiī of shetes and a test^{r} w^{t} a covynge beyng in the parler by the hall dowī Itm moī xx^{s} in money Itm I beqweth to my sonne Ric on feth^{r} bedde with on bolst^{r} ij covlettes and ij paī of shetes Itm I will that he have his plegge which be w^{t} me for the sum off xxxvij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm I beqweth to my sonne Hugh my ij gobbelettes of silv w^{t} the cov Itm ij pairs of shetes Itm ij covlettes Itm a grett pott off brasse and my corbes off leyde a gratt off hyron Itm a broche off yron Itm I beqweth to Jane fflecher a fed^{r} bedde w^{t} a bolst^{r} ij pylloys ij covlettes a lyttle grene covyng ij parrs of shetes ij table clothes owt off the colfre in the chambre Itm iij^{l} vj^{s} viij^{d} in money to her marriage Itm a brasse pott ij chandlers a vodyer iiij pewt^{r} chargerrs iiij dyshes and ij sawserrs Itm to Elsabeth Davenport a fed^{r} bedde a bolst^{r} ij pyllowys of dawne ij blankettes ij covlettes Itm a greett covyng that lyes on the presse ij payr^{s} off flaxen shete ij payr^{s} off canves shete iij table clothes and ij towelles lyeing in the chamb^{r} on

hyghe Itm more iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} in money towards hyr marryage It a brasse pott the greit pan a bassyn beyng in the buttre and iiij chargerrs iiij dyshes and iiij sawserres beyng off pewt^{r} Itm to my sonne Hugh dogh^{t} a fflokbedd ij covlette Itm a payr off flaxen shete and a payr off canves shete a fflaxen table clothe a brasse pott ij chargerrs ij pewt^{r} dyshes Itm in money to heyr marryage xl^{s} Itm I beqweth to Pet^{r} Hurleston a fed^{r} bedde a bolst^{r} ij covlette ij payr off fflaxen shete two pyllowys off downe Itm in money to kepe hym to the scole iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to Alice Cotgreyffe a fflokbedd ij covlette a payr off fflaxen shete ij chandlers Itm in money vj^{s} viij^{d} It a gratt off hyron Itm a browch off yron Itm I beqwheth to Ric fflecher in money vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to Nicholas Loker in money vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to my sonne in lawe Edward Davenport my sylv salt w^{t} the cov Itm vj spones off sylv that were last bōght a dyap table clothe a pair off hollone sheyte and a fyne towell beyng in my coffer att my beddys fete Itm to Kateryn Ley toward hyr marryage vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I beqweth to Margaret Tarleton ij chargerrs ij dyshes ij sawcers and on off my kercheffe Itm to Katyn Blanchart ij chargeres ij dyshes ij saw^{r}ces and on off my kercheffe Itm to Margett Korbyn ij dyshes and on off my kercheffe Itm to Alice Bradbury ij dyshes and on off my kercheffe Itm to Ellyn off the kytchyn ij pewt^{r} dyshes and on off my kercheffe Also it is my will that Pet^{r} Hurleston sonne to my sonne Nicholas Hurleston aforsaid shall have all such lande as came by me and that my fefferrs recovers and atto^{r}ney shall make and deliv to hym a sufficient and lawfull estate off the same for tme off hys lyff the remaynd^{r} to my right heyers Also it is my wyll that my ffurnes my ij cesterns my ij leyds in the cowrte and my corbes w^{t} all oth^{r} my goode not be quethed shalbe solde by my executors and they money theroff made to go to the pformance off this my last will and that wiche shall remayn and come ov all charge and byquestyes payd and allowed I wyll shall goe to the fyndynge off a prest to syng ffor my husbonds soule and myn in the chapell off o^{r}

lady w^{t} in the ꝑshe church off Saynt Brigitts aforsaid beyng payd off my executors yerely ffor his wayges iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} so long as that money will serve and that my ꝑst Sir Thom^{a}s Bowker shall syng ffor us yff he be able And ffor the true ꝑformance off this my last will I do constitute and make my executors Edward Davenport my sonne in lawe and Hugh Hurleston my sonne theys beyng wytnes Sir Robt Devyas hir goostly ffad^{r} and George Palm^{r} p^{r}or off the whyte ffrerꝭ and John Woodeley marchant off Chest^{r}.

TESTAMENTUM MATHEI BECKE.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen The xxijth day off Novēber in the yeĩ off ouĩ Lord a m ccccc and xx^{ti} I Mathew Beke wholle off mynd and syke in bodye felyng perells of dethe make my testement in this man Inp^{r}mis I bequethe my sole to Almyghtie God and my bodye to be buried in the colledge church of Manchest^{r} And in the name off my mortuarie a horse I bequethe unto the roode seller off Manchest^{r} when yt shalbe ꝑcode [*sic*] xl^{s} Itm I bequethe to Wygan church xx^{s} Itm I bequethe unto litell Thom^{a}s Beke v^{li} Itm I bequethe unto Laurence Cheth^{a}m xx^{s} to pray ffor my sawle Itm I bequethe to the mendyng of the paymēt in Salford lane vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I bequethe unto the mendyng off Newton lawne vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I bequethe unto the mendyng off Dob lane vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm it ys my will that a welle disposed preist shal syng and pray ffor my sowle a yere Itm I bequethe to Marion George Brych wyff my wyffꝭ gyrdyll and both paiĩ of bedes Itm I wille that the same Marion have my wyves

[1] No date of probate. George Birch of Birch Gent. married, 12th April 10 Henry VIII., Marion, daughter of Thomas Becke of Manchester, and was father of William Birch, Warden of Manchester in the time of Queen Elizabeth. — *Suffield MSS.*

The Becks, a highly respectable family in Manchester, entered their pedigree at the Visitation in 1664-5

best gowne and best kyrtill Itm I bequethe unto Sr Rob Bek my best gowne and my best blakk chamlett dublett and my best wolstyd dublett Itm I bequeth unto George Brych my secund gowne and my tawny chamlett dowblett and a wolstyd dubled Itm I bequeth unto litill Thomas Beke my gawbardyne to make hym a gowne Itm I bequeth to Merget Hadelande a kyrtyll Itm I bequeth to owr ladye service in Manchestr ijs The residue off my goode not bequetheyd I bequeth unto my brother Thomas Beke and Sr Robt Beke whome I ordene myn executors to dyspose as the shall thynke best ffor my sowle helth and Sr James Grene supvisor to se that this my last will be fulfilled att Manchestr the day and yer aforsaid thes witnes George Brych Laurence Chetham Sir James Grene and other.

TESTAMENTUM ARTHURI SCOLFELD DE SCOLFELD.

Probat xxo Aprlis anno Dni m vc lviij.

IN the name of God Amen The xxiijth day of August año Dni 1557 I Arthur Scolfeld of Scolfeld wtin the countie of Lanc. gent. sicke in bodie and of good and pfett remembrannce lawde and praise be to Almightie God do ordeyne and make this my psent testamēt and last will in maner and forme followinge ffirst and principallie above all things I comend my soull to Almightie God my Maker and Redemer and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe churche or churche yard of Rachdale or els where hit shall please God to dispose Itm I geve and bequethe to the highe aulter at Rachdale iijs iiijd Itm I geve and bequethe towards the reparacons of the same churche iijs iiijd Itm I geve &c. to Emme my doughter in lawe xxvjs viijd yerelie wch I have paide out of Hartishedd Hall in Yorkshire duringe the yeres wch I have yet to expende in the same Itm I

geve &c. to my mother on newe silv spone and vj^{s} viij^{d} in monie Itm I geve &c. to Cuthbte Scolfeld[1] my silke dublet my swerd my bruche vj^{s} lodes of timber in Quycke[2] and on paire of crokę lyenge in the maister lawe Itm I geve to evy on of my brothers children v^{s} Itm I geve &c. to Robt Buckley my best coate Itm I geve unto Hughe Buckley my silk hatt Itm I geve unto Edward Latham my best hosen Itm I geve unto Edmunde Butterworthe my best paire of hose savinge on Itm I geve &c. to Edward Talio^{r} my servannt one dublett of buckeskynnes one paire of hose one lether jerkin and v^{s} in monie Itm Sr Henrie Ferror ij^{s} The residue of all my goods catallis and detts after my detts beyinge paide my funerall expensis discharged and thes my legacies herein conteyned pformed I whollie geve and bequethe to Alex my bastard sonne And I do constitute and make Caterin my wyffe and the said Alexand^{r} my executors to execute trulie in the pmisses And of the execucon of the same I do ordeine and make the forsaide Cuthbte Scolfeld Thom^{a}s Buckley of Buckley and Robt Buckley his sonne supvisors Thes witnes Thom^{a}s Hill George Buckley Thom^{a}s Tetlowe Edmūd Mylne and others.

[1] Cuthbert Scolfeld Gent. was the heir of the testator, who was the head of an ancient house in the parish of Rochdale, descended from John del Scolfeld who attests in Hundersfield the grant of John de Sale to Thomas his son and heir on Monday next after the feast of S. Michael xvii. Edw. III. (1343), and who frequently occurs in deeds of that reign. For some account of the individuals named in this will see *Derby Household Books*, p. 164, *Note* 1, published by the Chetham Society.

[2] *Qu.* Quick in Saddleworth.

TESTAMENTUM ALEXANDRI NEWTON DE NEWTON.[1]

Probat xxvj^to Julii anno Dñi m^o v^c lvij^o.

IN the name of God Amen The iiij^th day of Julie in the yere of o^r Lord 1557 and in the iij^t and iiij yeres of Phelippe and Marie Kinge and Quene &c. I Alex^r Newton of Newton w^thin the countie of Chester gent. beynge sicke of bodie and of good and ꝑfitt memorie thanke be to God do ordeyne make and declare this my pñt testamēt herein conteyned my last will in maner and forme followinge That is to witt first I geve and bequethe my soull to Almightie God my maker and Redemer and my bodie and bones to be buried w^thin the pishe churche of Saint Michaell at Mottram Also I geve and bequethe to George Newton my sonne and heire for and in the name of his heirelomes two of my best oxen my best waine and wheles my best silv spones my best bedd wth the covynge belonginge to the same a grett paune or a grett brasse pott wth two arks for meyle Also I will that the rest of my goods catallis and detts shall be devyded into iij^t equall and just ꝑts wherof I geve and bequethe on equall and just ꝑte unto Emlyne my wife on other ꝑte to be devyded amongst my children the forsaid George Isabell and M^rgaret my doughters onlie exceptid and for the therd and last ꝑte I do reserve to myselfe as well for the discharge of my funall as also

[1] "Newton is said to have given name anciently to a family and to have had a mesne manor, which was conveyed in 1692 by Alexander Newton to Sir Charles Dukenfield Bart." — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 415. The testator was of Newton in the parish of Mottram, and does not appear to have been connected with the Newtons of Pownall, owners of Newton juxta Butley in the parish of Prestbury. He married Emlyn, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bromley of Nantwich, and after his death she became the wife of Edmund Dukinfield Gent. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xii. For a notice of the family see *Derby Household Books*, p. 111, *Note.*

for the accomplishmēt of my legacies and bequestis hereafter declared in this my last [will] and testamēt Also I geve &c. to the forsaid George my sonne and heire of my iij^{t} ꝑte all other cartꝭ plowes waines harrowis and all other implemētꝭ belonginge to husbandrie xij silv̄ spones two coffers and one little coffer tenne syffes of otis a horse and a mare called Julian with all bords and bedstoks wthin my house Also I geve &c. to Wiłłm Hollinworthe my godsonne of my said therd ꝑt on calfe Also I geve to Reynold Hollingworthe his father on ballid bulloke and his fellowe Also to John Hollinworthe on other calfe Also I geve to Isabell Hollinworth on other calfe Also of my ꝑt I bequeth Thom^{a}s Crompton on cowe wth a white side two stirks a red and a blacke Ittm I bequethe to M^{o}garet his wife a blacke cowe that was an harriot for John Turn̄ Also I geve to Isabell Hollinworthe a browne cowe Also to Wiłłm Crompton a calfe Also I geve to Wiłłm Newton Emlin Elizabeth Cicelie and Kat̄ my children xxx^{ti} hogge shepe the p^{r}ce to be taken of my said therd ꝑte and also that these forsaid v children have the saide sheppe made v^{li} Also I geve to John and Thom^{a}s my sonnes two oxen a blacke and a browne besidꝭ ther childꝭ ꝑt to kepe them to schole Also I geve Emlin my wife a mare called Rose and also a bed covynge wch she bought at Ashton And also I geve evy on of my children whose names followe iij^{t} syffes of otis that is to say Wiłłm John Thom^{a}s Emlin Elizabeth Isabell Kat̄ Cicelie and M^{o}garet Also I will my sonne Wiłłm shall have all his goodꝭ besidꝭ his childꝭ ꝑt Also I geve &c. to evy on of my servannts on halfeyeres wages Also I geve to James a cowe stirke beside his wages Also I geve to Agnes B [*sic*] ov her halfe yeres wages on paire of tere hempe shetes Also I geve to my godsonne Alex̄ Haughton iij^{s} iiij^{d} Ittm to Alis Baylie ij^{s} Ittm I geve to the mendinge of the bell at Mottram x^{s} Also I will that Anne my doughter have her childs ꝑt of good at the forste dyvision therof amongꝭ her other brethern and sisters but no part or porc̄on of the revsōn of my owne therd ꝑt And the rest

remainder and revsõn of all my goods and catallis I geve to my children whose names followe that is to witt Willm John Thom's Emlin Eliz Cicelie and Kat to be devyded amonge them by even porcons Also I bequethe and assigne on close lyeinge nerest unto James Bailies called the m'led earthe unto my iiij^or doughters unmarried unto suche tyme that xx^tie m'ks be reysed and taken up of the same by myne executors toward the marriage of my said doughters that is to witt to evy of them v m'ks at suche tyme as they shall come unto marriage or els other honest pfermēt Provided alwaies that if my sonne and heire do come in bonndę to myne executors to pay the said sūme of xx^tie m'ks towardę the marriage of my said doughters at suche tyme as they shall [think] reasonable then he to have the occupacon of the forsaid close Also I will that John Bailie shall have the medowes wch heretofore he occupied at Michelmas next comynge payeinge the rent therof to my forsaid wife at M'tinmas then next followinge Also I will that if any clause or article conteyned in this my last will and testamēt be not sure and sufficiēt in the same or contrarie and repugnant to any law or statute of this realme heretofore made that then the same shalbe corrected and amended accordinge to the said lawe or statute followinge the true meaninge of this my said will And to the intente that this my last will may be well and trulie accomplished in all causes accordinge to the teno^r forme effect and true meanynge of the same I constitute ordeyne make and appoint Reynold Hollinworthe Thom's Ashton Rondull Wynyngton and Emlin my said wife my true and lawfull executors and my brother John Hollinworthe and Thom's Crompton ovseers of the same Thes beynge witnes Raffe Heyward Charles Andrewe Raffe Andrue Willm Fullalove James Jonson John Cleyden Sir Davyd Ithell curate at Mottram.

TESTAMENTUM ADÆ BIROM.[1]

IN the name of God Amen In the yere of o^r Lord God m.d.lvj the therd day of May I Adam Birom of Salford in the countie of Lanc. m^y channt hoole of mynd and ꝑfett memorie ordeyne constitute and make my last will and testamēt in man̄ and forme followinge ffirst I geve and bequeth my soull to Almightie God besechinge o^r Ladie Saint Marie and all the hollie cumpanye of heaven to pray for me and my bodie to be buried in the ꝑishe churche of Manchester afore the rode nere unto my father and mother Also I geve &c. to the churchwardeyns of the said churche towards the churche-works there and for my buriall in the forsaide churche xl^s Also I will that all and singuler my detts whatsoev̄ they shalbe wch I shall fortune to be owghinge at tyme of my deathe and also all my fun̄all expenses and suche costis and expensis as myne executors or any of them shall susteyne beare or be charged wth for or concernynge the sute in the lawe spũall or temporall for and annends the ꝑformannce or maintenannce of this my will and testamēt or any ꝑt therof shalbe levied taken and paide of my whole goodꝭ and cattallis And further I will that after all my detts shalbe paide and all obliga-c̃ons and specialties by me made and to be made clerelie discharged and paide and all fun̄all expensis and sutis above rehersed paide and ꝑformed of my hoole goodꝭ and cattallis Then I will that the residue of all my said goodꝭ and cattallis shalbe devided equallie into two parts wherof on part wch to me dothe apparteyne and belonge I geve &c. hoollie to my thre sonnes George Birom Henry Birom and Adam Birom to be equallie devyded amongꝭ them ov̄ and beside ther

[1] No date of probate. The testator was son of Ralph Byrom of Salford (second son of Byrom of Byrom) by Alice, daughter of —— Starkey of Pennington. — *Lanc. Visitation* 1613. He was ancestor of the Byroms of Salford and Manchester. Miss Atherton of Kersall is the representative of the latter family.

childes part and porc̃on of my goods and cattallis and the other part and halfe of my said goods &c. I will to be equallie devyded amongis the said George Henrie and Adam and Isabell Birom M⁹garet Birom and Anne Birom my daughters indifferentlie ev̄y one a like porcõn of the same part Also I will that my said sonnes George Birom and Henrie Birom shall aswell have the rule gov̄nannce and kepinge of the said Isabell M⁹garet and Anne my said doughters of ther part and porcõn of ther said goods and cattallis untill they shall come sev̄allie to ther ages of xxj^tie yeres or shalbe p'ferred by marriage as the said George and Henrie my said sonnes shalby ther discrecõn thinke conveniēt And also I will that my said thre doughters Isabell M⁹garet and Anne and ev̄y of them by the discrecõn of my said sonnes George and Henrie shall have ther convenēt exhibicõn and findinge of ther sev̄all parts and porcõns of the said goods and cattallis untill they shall come to and be of ther sev̄all ages of xxj yeres or shalbe otherwise p̄ferred by marriage as is aforsaide Also I will that when any of my said doughters Isabell M⁹garet and Anne shall come to her full age of xxj^tie yeares or in the meane tyme shall come to any reasonable ꝑmocõn or marriage as my said sonnes George and Henrie shall thinke conveniēt then I will that the forsaid George and Henrie w^thin the space of on hoole yere next after suche ꝑmocõn or marriage shall delyver to ev̄y suche of the said Isabell M⁹garet and Anne so ꝑmoted or p̄ferred or so comynge to her age of xxj^tie yeres her said part and porcõn of the said goods and cattallis wch shall so remain in the hands of the said George and Henrie Also I will that if any of my said doughters Isabell M⁹garet or Anne afore her or theyr sev̄all ages of xxj^ti yeres will not be ordred nor ruled by my said sonnes George and Henrie and aske and claime any ꝑt of my said goods and catallis then I will that my said sonnes George and Henrie shall reteyne and kepe in his or theyr hands all suche part and porcõn of my said goods before to theym bequethed as is aforsaid w^thout any delyverie therof as shulde appteyne or belonge to any

of the said Isabell M⁹garet or Anne so refusinge to be ordred by my said sonnes George and Henrie untill suche tyme as any of them so refusinge the order of my said sonnes George and Henrie shall come to her or theyre full age of xxj^tie yeres or before her ꝑfermēt or marriage as is aforsaid Then I will that all and eꝝy suche part and porcõn of my said goods as ought to appteyne or belonge to any of the said Isabell M⁹garet or Anne my said doughters so deceassinge shalbe equallie devyded amonges the other of my said doughters Isabell M⁹garet or Anne then beynge on lyve and not married And if hit happen the said Isabell M⁹garet and Anne and eꝝy of them to dye before theyr full age of xxj^tie yeres or before ther ꝑfermēt or marriage then I will that all the part and porcõns of my said goods wch shuld or ought to appteyn to any of the said Isabell M⁹garet and Anne shalbe equallie devyded amonges my said sonnes George Henrie and Adam or suche of them as then shalbe lyvinge Also hit is my will that if my said sonne Adam dye before his full age of xxj^tie yeres and not married at the time of his deceasse that then all suche part and porcõn of my said goods and cattalles as shuld or ought to appteyne or belonge to the said Adam so deceassinge shalbe equallie devyded amongis the said George and Henrie my said sonnes if they shall then be lyvinge Also I geve &c. to my lovinge frends Laurens Asshawe gent. Alex. Rigbie and Robt. Shawe eꝝye on of them fowre m⁹ks in monie to thentent that they and eꝝy of them be aidinge and assistinge to my executo^rs for the true accomplishmēt and execucõn of this ꝑsent will and testamēt accordinge to the speciall trust and confidence wch I have reposed in them and in eꝝye of them And by this present will and testamēt I do revoke and adnull all former willes by me heretofore made written or spoken And also I do ordeyne constitute and make for my true and faithfull executo^rs my said sonnes George Birom and Henrie Birom to thentent that they shall see this my will in eꝝye article and pointe to be trulie ꝑformed and fulfilled and kept And I constitute and make my supvisors of this

my last will and testamēt my sonne Adam Birom and Raffe Browne desiringe them as my speciall confidence and trust is in them to be good and kynde unto my said children In witnes wherof I the saide Adam Birom to this my p̃sent last will and testamēt have set my seale and subscribed my name in the presence and witnes of Robt Shawe, Adam Birom ffrannce Sannde Alex. Rigbie and others.

TESTAMENTUM ANNE TILDISLEY.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The xvjth day of October in the yere of o^r Lord God 1556 I Anne Tildisley of the pishe of Eccles the doughter of the late Thon̄'s Tildisley esquire nowe deceassed beynge sicke in boddie and of good and pfett remembraunce do make my last will and testamēt in man̄ and fourme followinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God to o^r Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanye of heaven and my boddie to Christian buriall nere unto the place where my father lyethe in Eccles churche yard Itm I do aske forgyvenes of all the world and the creatures therin and I do also aske and requyre forgyvenes of all those that I have by any meanes trespassed or offended heretofore frelie forgyveynge all the world and all the creatures therin of all trespasses and faulte to me heretofore comitted and done Itm whereas my graundfather Thurstan Tildesley esqēr late deceassed hathe geven and bequethed as apperethe in one article or clause of his last will and testamēt unto me xl^li to be levied of his good as far as his good will extend and if his good will not extend so farr then he willed that the said some of xl^li to be levied of his fermes of Mireschoghe

[1] No date of probate. She was a daughter of Thomas Tildesley of Wardley Esq. by Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead. — *Suffield MSS.* His marriage settlement is dated 26th October 10 Henry VIII., when they were "both within age."

Saurbie Gawsnarghe Pulton fferna and Fishwicke wthin iiij^{or} yeres next after the day of his deathe towards my marriage wch said some of xl^{li} and ev̄y part and p̄cell therof I do frelie gyve and bequethe unto my welbeloved mother Jane Tildisley widdowe and to my brother Thurstan Tildisley esqēr indifferentlie to be devyded betwene them two Itm I do geve &c. unto my mother Jane Tildisley widdowe on cowe and unto my cosin Elizabeth Worthington two partlettę the one wrought wth gold and the other wth silke And I do also geve &c. unto my two sisters Isabell Tildisley and M^{y}garet Tildisley the resedue of myne apparell if my said mother therunto will consent Itm I do ordeyne constitute and make my welbeloved mother Jane Tildisley widdowe and my brother Thurstan Tildisley esquier my true and lawfull executors of this my last will and testamēt unto whom I geve &c. the resedue of all my goodę unbequethed And I do require and most hartelie beseche my cosin Thurstan Parre to be the supvisor of this my last will and testamēt as my espīall trust is he will so be Itm I will that my executors shall geve to ev̄y on of my bretherne that is to say Hughe Tildisley Ric̄ Tildisley to George Tildisley to Thom^{as} Tildisley to Gilbte Tildisley and to James Tildisley and to ev̄y of them xiij^{s} iiij^{d} a pece to be paid by the hands of my executo^{rs} wthin two yeres next after my deceasse if my said executo^{rs} wilbe pleased so to do In the presence of thes psons Jane Tildisley widdowe Thurstan Tildisley esq̄er Hughe Tildisley Alice Worthington Ric̄ Tildisley George Tildisley Thomas Eccersall Wiłłm Rothwell Roger Hodgekinson Thom^{as} Sotherne wth others.

TESTAMENTUM CICILIE BOTHE.[1]

IN the Name of God Amen The xxvijth day of Decēbre 1557 I Cicelie Bothe of Dunhm̄ Massie wthin the countie of Chester gentlewomā beynge vexed and troubled wth sicknes in my boddie and knoledginge my selfe mortall and the tyme of deathe or momēt of the same to be most uncerteyne willinge to make order and a redynes of all my goods detts and all other things to me belonginge as was geven and bequethed unto my marriage by my father George Bothe decessed and likewise all other goods wch was geven me by my mother as may stand wth the order of the comen lawe of this realme do make order and establishe this my last will and testamēt in man̄ and forme followinge ffirst I will and bequethe my soull to Almightie God and o^{r} Ladie St. Marie and all the hollie cumpanie of heaven to pray for me and my bodie to be buried in Jhesus Chapell wthin the churche of Bawdon ffirst I will and bequethe to Wiłłm Boothe of Dunhm̄ Massie vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiii^{d} Ītm I will and bequethe to my brother John Boothe xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Ītm I geve unto my godson Robte Boothe vj^{li} xiij^{s} iv^{d} Ītm I will and bequethe to Anne Massie Elizabeth Fitton and Dorothe Tatton my sisters vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} a pece Also I will that my cosin Elizabethe Massie shall have vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I will that Wiłłm Tatton and Robte Tatton have either of them iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Ītm I geve unto the churche of Bawdon liij^{s} iiij^{d} to be prayde for Ītm I geve and be-

[1] No date of probate. Cicely, daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. Her sisters mentioned in the will were Anne, the wife of William Massey of Podington, Esq.; Elizabeth, who afterwards in 1566 married Richard Sutton of Sutton Esq.; and Dorothy, the wife of Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402. It is evident from the will that Elizabeth had married a Fitton previous to her union with Mr. Sutton.

quethe unto Sr Thom̃s Strettell Sr Henrie Tippinge and Sr John Percyvall iijli vjs viijd a pece Itm I will and bequethe to my brother Robte Boothe one hundrethe marks Itm I geve my uncle Robte Booth iijli vjs viijd Itm I geve unto Charlis Boothe xxs Itm I geve unto George Boothe xxs Itm I geve unto Raffe Massie xs Itm I geve unto Gilbte Bonworth xxs Itm I geve to Thom̃s Arderon xiijs iiijd Also I will that vjli xiijs iiijd be devyded amongis poore people at the discrecon of myne executors Itm I will that all the srvauntis wthin the house shall have a yeres wagis geven them and the rest of all my goode unbequethed my detts funalles and ordinarie charges discharged I geve and bequethe unto myne executors to bestowe in dedes at ther discrecon Also I ordeine constitute and make my brother Robte Boothe and myne uncle Robte Boothe my true and faithfull executors to execute this my last will and testamēt in man and forme before rehersed In witnes unto this my last will and testamēt I the said Cicelie Boothe have to thes pnte put to my seale the day and yere abovesaid Thes beynge witnes Sr Thoms Strettell curate Sr John Percyvall Henry Neld John Tippinge and Adam Ogden.

TESTAMENTUM CAROLI MANWARINGE DE CROXTON ARMIGERI.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The vijth day of the monethe of Marche in the yere of or Lord 1520 [1520–1] I Charles

[1] No date of probate. Charles Mainwaring of Croxton, the King's Attorney for the county of Chester, was the son of Ralph Mainwaring of Croxton by Katherine, daughter and coheir of Roger Darley of Chester. He married Katherine, daughter of John Dukenfield of Dukenfield Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 114. It is there stated that he died 5 Hen. VIII., which the date of the will disproves. Isabel was probably his second wife.

Manwaringe of Croxton esq^er hole of mynde and memorie nevtheles sumwhat vexid wth Godde visitacon make and ordeine my last will and testamēt and last will in this man and forme ffollowinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God and to our Ladie his mother and to all the hollie sainte and my boddie to be buried in the chapell of Saint Nicolas in the pishe of Middlewiche Also I bequethe in the name of my principall my best quycke good Also I geve &c toward the gildinge of the table of the highe aulter of the pishe churche of Middlewiche xiij^s iiij^d Also I bequethe to o^r Ladye servise maintenynge in the same towne a cowe Item I bequethe to the pishe churche of Moburley two torches and xvj^d I bequethe to the pishe churche of Alderley a torche Item I bequethe to Sr Henrie Bentley xl^s and his table for a whole yere to singe for my soull and for my frende soullis duringe the same yere Item I bequethe to Thom^as Pevo^r my russet gowne Also I bequethe to my doughter Anne all such dette and covenannte as is betwixe me and Sr Thom^as Ashton of Ashton under Lyne as more playnelie apperis by writinge betwixe us made the wch writinge I have delyvered to the said Anne[1] my doughter the coppye wherof hereunto this my will is annexed Item I will that all man of gyftes grannte assignemēte feoffmēte and bequeste of any man my lande tenemente goode and cattallis made by me heretofore by writinge or declared by mouthe by dede or last will to Isabell my wife or to the use and behofe of the same that by this my last will all suche thinge as much as in is they be ferme stable and ratified in all man effecte to the profett of my said wyfe Item I ordene and make my executor^s of this my testamēt Isabel my wife that she shall se for the pfett of my soull as she thinks best and will answere before God to whom I bequethe the residue of my goode and duties owinge after my bodie be buried my will fulfilled and my dette paid Thes witnes

[1] James Ashton of Chadderton Esq. married Anne, daughter of Charles Mainwaring of Croxton. — Harl. MSS. 1549, fo. 1. At his father's death, 34 Hen. VIII., he was æt. 48, and ob. 3 Edward VI. anno 1550. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 171.

Sr Henrie Bentley ꝑiste Rauffe Chikkens and Raffe Manwaringe Geven the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI HOLT DE ASHWORTHE GENEROSI.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The vjth day of Novēber in the yere of or Lord God md and ljx and in the first yere of the reigne of or soveraigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God &c. I Robt Holt of Ashworth in the countie of Lanc̃ gent sicke of bodie and of good and pfitt remēbrannce laude and praise be to Almightie God therfore do ordeyne constitute and make this my ꝑsent testamēt and last will in man̄ and forme followinge ffirst and principallie I bequethe my soull into the handꝭ of Almightie God Maker and Redem̄ of mākinde and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe churche of Midelton or els where hit shall please God to dispose Itm̄ I will that all my goodꝭ cattallis and dettꝭ after my dettꝭ and fun̄all expencis paide shalbe devided into thre equall partꝭ whereof one equall part I will that Johann my wyefe shall have in the name of all her thridd part of all my goodꝭ and cattallis And one other equall part I will that my fowre children Williā Cicelie Dorithie and Elizabeth shall have equallie devided amongꝭ them And of the thrid equall pt I geve grannt will and bequeth toward the reedyfyenge or sustentac̃on of the parrishe churche of Midelton vjs viijd to be paid by myne executors as they churchwardeins shall reasonablie require the same Itm̄ I geve &c. toward the sustentac̃on of

[1] Proved Feb. 15th, 1559-60. The testator married first, Grace, daughter of Ralph Rishton Gent., marriage covenant dated 26th November, 14 Henry VIII., and secondly Joanna, daughter of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft Knt., marriage covenant dated 20th October 1558. She was living at Ashworth in 1560 "in plena vita."—*Lanc. MSS.* vol. xi. p. 275. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 103, and *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 198 et seq.

Ashworth chappell vj^{s} viij^{d} to be paid by myne executo^{rs} when the churche ryves shall reasonablie require the same Itm I geve &c. to my sonne in lawe Robt Hulme iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I geve &c. to my doughter Anne[1] Hulme iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I geve &c. to Jone Hulme a calfe and two shepe. Itm I geve &c. to my suster Ellen Dene vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I geve &c. to Thom^{a}s Dene my nephewe two shepe Itm I geve &c. to John Kay my nephewe two shepe Itm I geve &c. to Anne Whitworthe one shepe Itm I geve &c. to Johanne Whitworthe on shepe Itm to Elizabeth Whitworth one shepe Itm I geve &c. to Thom^{a}s Holland my servannt vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm I geve to James Lache iij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm I geve &c. to James Holt xij^{d} Itm I geve &c. to James Fishe xij^{d} Itm I geve &c. to Alex Whitworthe xij^{d} Itm to Robte Collinge xij^{d} Itm to Ric Bridge xij^{d} Itm to Hughe Holt xij^{d} Itm I geve &c. to Ric Medwoodd xij^{d} Itm I geve &c. to myne execut hereafter to be named xx^{s} to be geven to the poor folke dwellinge in Asheworthe or nere Asheworthe as my execut shall thinke mete by ther discrecons Itm I geve &c. to my sonne Robte Holt my horse my saddill my bridell and all thinge belonginge therto wth all my harneis belonginge to the warres Itm I geve &c. to my said sonne Robte Holt a fetherbedd a matteras wth thinge belonginge to them and my coffer wch hathe my evidence in wth all my part of worke lomes pteynynge to husbandrie Itm I geve &c. my clocke my brasse pott all my spitte gawberte and stonne trowghes thre grett arke and two grett keres to my serve [*sic*] my wyeffe and my heires at Ashworthe Itm I will that my wiefe and my two sonnes Robte Holt and Willm Holt shall have suche tacks of tithes at Oldam as I have under Sr Thom^{a}s Holt duringe his lease and the residue of all my part of goode my legacies conteyned herein pformed I geve to my said wyefe my sonne Robte my iiij^{or} children Willm Cicelie Dorithie and Elizabethe equallie to be

[1] Anne, wife of Robert Hulme of Manchester, and great grandmother of William Hulme Esq. the founder of the exhibitions at Brazenose. — *Lanc. Visitation*, 1664-5.

devided amonge them And of this my ꝑsent testamēt and last will I do ordene constitute and make Jone Holt my wiefe and Wiłłm Holt my youngꝯ sonne my faithfull executꝯ to execute justlie in the ꝑmysses as my trust is in them and supvisors therof I do ordene constitute and make Sr Thom"s Holt Sr Robt Langley kts. and ffrauncis Holt sonne and heire apparent of Sr Thom"s Holt kt. to ovsee justlie this my last will and testamēt as my trust is in them Thes beynge witnes Thom"s Holland James Haworth Thom"s Deyne James Fishe Robt Collinge wth others.

TESTAMENTUM KATERINE BUCKLEY DE CHEDILL.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen The xvjth day of Novēber the yere of or Lord God mdljx I Caterin Bulkley of Chedale in the countie of Chester beynge of pfitt mynde and rembraunce nevtheles fearinge the uncertaine howre of Godꝛ visitacon not willinge to dye intestate do therfore ordene constitute ordene and make my last will and testamēt in man and forme followinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God to Jhesus Christ his onlie sonne or Lord and to the Hollie Ghoste ꝑcedinge of them bothe desiringe them to accept my said soull into their hollie handꝛ and my bodie to be buried in the chauncell at Chedill before the grett windowe there Secondlie I geve and bequethe unto Sr Ric̃ Buckley k. my nephewe my best tableclothe of diap my best towell of diap also and my best carpet and to my Ladie Buckley my nece a gold ringe wth a blewe and a red stonne in the same desiringe her to accept the same for a simple token and remēbraunce and to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto my younge nephewe Mr Ric̃ Buckley my signet Iłm I geve &c. unto Mr Thom"s Buckley my brother

[1] No date of probate.

my seconnd table clothe and seconnd towell and also my best bed savinge one that is to witt a matteras a fetherbed a bolster two pillowes a paire of shetes two blankettꝭ on coꝝlett and the seconnd coverinnge and my brother Robte I geve xˢ in gold Also I geve &c. to my nece Ellen my best gowne and my best kirtell to the same and also my therd bed that is to witt a matteras a fether bed a bolster two pillowes a paire of sheetꝭ two blankettꝭ a coꝝlett and my therd coꝝinge and also my thrid table clothe and my thridd towell and to Raffe Arderne my godsonne I geve xlˢ the rest of my reament and apparell I will be devid̃ betwixe my nece Elizabethe Buckley and little Catterin my wenche and I geve to ether of them that is to the said Elizabeth and Caterin vˡⁱ a pece and to my nephewe John Buckley vˡⁱ and to my nece Kat̃ Bulkley xlˢ Itm I geve &c. to my godson Charles Buckley vˡⁱ and to my nephewe Thom̃ˢ that is sonne to my brother Willm xlˢ Itm I geve &c. to my servannt curate and ghostlie father Sʳ Homfrey Birron on pece of gold beyinge xxˢ and also an other pece of gold viz. a dubble duckett and to the same Sʳ Homfrey also I geve &c. a matteras a fether bedd viz. the seconnd that I lye apon a pillowe a bolster a paire of flaxen shetꝭ two blankettꝭ and two coverlettꝭ Also I geve &c. to Pascha xlˢ and to Elizabeth Hawerden xlˢ Itm to Elizabeth Sutton I geve xxˢ and a coverlett Itm to Anne Blackshawe Mᵒgaret Browne and Anne Tippinge I geve xˢ a pece Itm I geve &c. to Raffe Blackshawe xxˢ and to John ap Ric̃ xxˢ and to John Hygenson vjˢ viijᵈ and to Cateren Hygenson vjˢ viijᵈ Itm I will that Robt Jameson shall have xxˢ and double raymēt accordinge to his indenture at the oꝝsight of my executoʳˢ Itm I geve &c. to Willm Sidebotham a yoke of oxen and to Kat̃ Moile xlˢ The rest residue and remainder of all my goodꝭ and cattallis not bequethed and geven after my dettꝭ paid my legacies pformed and the cost of my funall dischargid wᶜʰ I will to be wᵗʰout any pompe of the worlde but after an honest sort I will to be devided equallie betwixe my nephue Thom̃ˢ Buckley wᶜʰ is wᵗʰ Doctor

Pole my nece Ellin Arderon my nece Elizabeth Buckley and little Kat̃ my wenche Itm I ordeine constitute and make my lawfull execut̃ Mr Thom̃as Buckley my brother my nephue Thoms Buckley wch is wth Doctor Pole and Sr Homfrey Birron to execute and pforme this my said last testamēt as they shall answere afore God and for ther paines I geve unto the said Mr Thoms Buckley xxxs and to either of the other two executors that is to my nephewe Thoms and to the said Sr Homfrey xxs a pece Provided alwaies that if my said executors be vexed or troubled in the lawe that then they shall have their chargis borne them upon my said goodꝯ In witnes whereof to this my said last will and testamēt I the said Kat̃ Buckley have put my seale and subscribed my name wth myne awne hand the day and yere above said Thes beynge witnes Wiłłm Bancroft Raffe Blackshawe Thoms Buckley wth others.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CALVELEY PENCIONARII.[1]

IN the name of God Amen I John Calveley pensioñ to the Quenes grace do make this my last will and testamēt beynge of pfitt memorie ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God to or blessed Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in Aldford churche if I die in Chesshire if I die any where els at the discrecōn of my executors or frendꝯ

[1] No date of probate. He was servant to Queen Mary, and a younger son of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt. by Elizabeth daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton Knt. His sisters were, Catherine, the wife of John Beeston of Beeston Esq.; Joan, who married first John Edwards of Chirk, and secondly Sir Ralph Leycester of Toft; Christiana, married, 4 Henry VIII., Richard Hough of Leighton; Eleanor, wife of John Davenport of Calveley in 13 Hen. VIII.: and Dorothy, who married first Robert Bostock, and afterwards Edward Almer. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

beynge there then Itm I geve to my brother Sr Hughe Calveley my signet of gold and my sackclothe gowne furred wth catt Itm I geve to my cosen George Calveley the best horse that I have and my best cappe wth aglettę and my crimson satten dublett wth the hose and shoes therto Itm I geve to my cosen Hughe Calveley my chaine of gold Itm I geve to Mr. John Dutton my gylt wood knyfe and my horne tipped wth silv and gilt and I geve to my cosin his wyefe my crimson satten gowne laid on wth lace of silv Itm I geve to my cosin George Bieston my seconnd horse and my harneis of stele Itm I geve to my cosin Sr John Done my gilt harnes of velvet Itm I geve to my brother Sr Hughe my night gowne of blacke damaske garded wth velvet and I geve to evy on of my sisters that be alyve xxs a pece in gold to make them evy on a ringe in remembraunce of me for lacke of a better giefte And I gyve to my brother Edwardę his gonne he gave me And I geve to Willm Houghe[1] my best curtall Itm I geve to my cosin Willm Alm my short damaske gowne garded wth velvet Itm I geve to my brother Davenport my best crosse bowe wth the rack and the arrowis Itm I geve to my brother Alm my little crosse bowe wth the racke Itm I geve to my brother Edwardę my longe gonne Itm I geve to Dorithie Damport toward her marriage fyve mkę Itm I do geve xxtie nobles to the pavemēt of Saighton Lane Itm I geve to Robte Dicus my old servaunt xls and I geve to Rondull Banester my interest of Bewmarris howse the widdowe in Sawhton duringe his life And to John horse kep my servaunt I geve hym xxtie nobles and I geve to Donne iiijli and to Heseld iiijli I geve And I geve and assigne unto my brother Antonie all my leases of Sawghton and to Raffe Calveley his sonne (my debtę paid and my will fulfilled) I geve and assigne to hym my lease of the psonage of Bridlington Itm I geve to Geffrey xls and to evy servaunt in my brother Antonies house I geve xld a pece and I geve

[1] Nephew of the testator, and husband of Jane, natural daughter of Thomas Cromwell Earl of Essex. — Ormerod vol. ii. p. 304.

to Elizabeth Turner iiij^{or} m^{9}ks and to the pishe of Aldford a bañer of xx^{s} to be praide for and an other bañer I geve to Hanley and an other to Churchen Heathe and x^{li} to be geven to the poore to pray for my soull And I charge myne executo^{rs} to pay the ꝑson of Hanley what he will take of his conscience I owe hym and to my brother Sr Hughe Calveley iij^{li} I borrowed of hym and what he will have for his tithe hay to pay hym and to pay e^{v}ye man that can aske me any thing as myne executo^{rs} will answere me in an other world And the rest of my goods I geve to myne executo^{rs} And if hit please God to call for myne executo^{rs} wthout issue then I wold my leases shuld be the heires of the Ley and this I aske all the world forgyvenes and I forgeve all the world Written with my owne hand the iiijth day of June in the thridd and iiijth yeres of Kinge Phelippe and Quene Maries reigne I geve to Lowe my tenannt xx^{tie} nobles Itm I geve to Bunburie churche a banner of xx^{s} Itm I geve Henrie Longton my hole interest of his house and demaine grounde that he occupiethe nowe duringe his liefe Itm I do geve Wittm Done my servaunt his howse and ground duringe his liefe And I do make my well beloved brother Antonie Calveley and Raffe Calveley his sonne my executo^{rs} of this my testamēt

ꝑ me John Calveley.

TESTAMENTUM THOME WILBRAM DE WOODHEY IN COM. CEST. ARMIGERI.[1]

IN the name of God Amen In the yer of o^{r} Lord God m. v^{c} lv [1555–6] the xijth day of Januarie I Thoms Wilbrām of Wood-

[1] No date of probate. The testator, son of William Wilbraham of Woodhey, by Helena daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq., married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Mainwaring of Peover Knt. and died without issue 3rd July 1558.—Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 199.

hey beyng of parfitt mynd and in good health make my testamēt and last will in forme followinge ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almightie God and to o^r blessed Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Acton in o^r Ladie chapell and I will that the Alabast stonne that is whole wch lay in the said chapell before be laid upon my grave, and I will that xx^s be geven to the churchwardens to be bestowed as they and my executo^rs shall thynke necessarie And yf any monie be owinge by the churchwardens for the churche to me at the tyme of my death I do forgyve the same Also I will y^t xij gownes be bought made and gevin to xij pore men and women the day of my buriall Also I will ther be geven and delt the day of my buriall to evy person that will require the same ij^d And further I will that xx^li be geven by the discrecōn of my executo^rs to other poore folke and namelie to the poore howsholders whare and in suche places as my executors shall thinke convenient wth convenient spede after my deathe and that they fayle not hereof as I trust them Also I geve xx^s and more yf nede shall require at the ovsight of my executo^rs to amend the waies and pavymēte betwene Acton churche and George Baguley his howse where most nede shalbe wch monie I will be delyvered to some honest man that will se the same bestowed and he to have for his ovsight and paynes iij^s iiij^d Also I will and geve x^li towards the exhibicōn and findynge of Willm Daniell[1] at learninge at an Inne of Cowrt to be delyvered by my executo^rs as they shall thinke necessarie provyded that yf the said Wm Daniell be not mynded thereto or will not aplie his learnynge as he shuld do or els happen to dye before the said x^li be bestowed that then the residue of that said monie beynge behynd and not bestowed shalbe gevin amonges the young children of Katarin Donne decessed then beynge unmaried at the

[1] Nephew of Thomas Wilbraham and third son of Thomas Daniel of Tabley Esq. He was afterwards knighted and became Judge of the Common Pleas. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 366.

discrecōn of my executo^{rs} or of the more part of them And besidϱ that I will xx^{li} be bestowed and geven amongϱ the said doughters towardϱ the marrage or p̄fermēt at the discrecōn of my said exec̄ and when they shall thinke conveniēt Ītm I geve to my suster Lev̄sage sonne beynge prentice above x^{li} to be deliv̄d as my exec: shall thinke necessarie Also I geve to the widowe Wilbhm Ric̄ mother xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and suche monie as I have lent her at any tyme heretofore I forgyve hit her Also I geve to the widowe Flete iij^{s} iiij^{d} and to Wm Ralinson and Westbrek to eyther of them iij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I lent John Wilbrām of the Wyche vj^{s} viij^{d} I forgeve hym the same Ītm I geve to Thom^{as} Pollet xij^{d} and to Robyn Hemet xij^{d} Ītm I geve to Agnes Swetnam suster to Elizabeth Kynsie xl^{s} Ītm I geve to my godsonnes Raffe Betteley his sonne and Tho. Clutton's sonne to eyther of them vj^{s} viij^{d} and to Ric̄ Wyche sonne and Henrye Leceyto^{rs} sonne my godsonnes to eyther iij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I lent xx^{s} to my cosin Wm Clayton diverse yeres past I do geve the same to his sonne my godsonne Also where I lent to my cosin Laurence Woodnet x^{li} to be repayde in x yeres and have obligacōns for the same I will the same be forgevin hym towardϱ the helpinge and fyndinge of his children Also I do forgyve Ric̄ Flete of Poole xx^{s} wch I lent hym Also Rafe Betteley oweth me about iiij^{or} markϱ that I lent hym at sev̄all tymes I do forgeve hym the same Also where I have an indenture of Ric̄ Wilbram of two closes or pastures in Wordleston ther in the holdinge of Edward Mynshull for terme of xiij^{tene} yeares payenge to me yerely xx^{s} wherof as yet I have receyvid no rent my mynd and will is y^{t} the rent of the whole yeres shalbe forgyven hym willinge hym the rather to put his quaynes [*sic*] from hym and to lyve more vertuouslie Also I geve to his suster unmaried v markϱ to helpe her to some mariage to be delyv̄d when my execut̄ shall thinke mete Also I will and desire my brother to geve and pay yerelie duringe my brotherϱ liefe to ev̄y of the said Ric̄ bretherne (W^{m} except) xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to helpe them wth yf they will leave their unthriftines

and gaumynge or els not Also where I have made a patent and graunt to John Wilbram of v^{li} of anuall rent by yere duringe his liefe I will and desire my brother he may have and enjoye the same accordinglie unles my brother preferre hym as well otherwyse Also I geve to my suster[1] Whitmore my suster Daniell my suster Levsage and my suster Dorithie to evy of theym iij^{t} double duckettꝭ for a remembrannce Also I geve to my cosin Wm Levsage and his wiefe to ether of them ij angell nobles Itm I geve to my cosin Isabell Bromley my cosin M^{9}garet Holford and to my cosin Heleyne Massie to evy of them ij angell nobles Itm where James Halghton owithe me xx^{s} that I lent I forgyve hym the same Itm I geve to John Burton's wiefe xx^{s} Itm Humfreye Hussye owithe me an angell noble that I lent hym at tyme at vij^{s} vj^{d} I forgeve hym the same Also I paid no tithingꝭ for kyne nor hay for suche ground as I occupie in Bunburie parishe I will iij^{s} iiij^{d} be gevin for my discharge therin Also where I lent to my suster Lyvsage x^{li} for the helpe and to the use (as she said) of Wm Wilbram I will the said x^{li} be forgevin to the said W^{m} and my suster to be discharged therof Also I geve to Alice my uncle Thoms bastard doughter now widowe dwellinge I suppose in Warmenghm parishe xx^{s} And where my brother Robte Manwaringe owethe me xl^{s} wch I lent hym I do forgeve hym the same and in like man I do forgeve my brother Henrye Manwaringe xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} that I lent hym Also I desire my brother that Julian the bruer (yf she use her selfe honestlie) may have xx^{s} yerelie duringe her liefe she doynge s^{r}vyce therfore for reasonable tyme for I dyd promyse so to her Itm James Roo oweth me xxiij^{s} iiij^{d} for a stere that he had of me long ago I do forgyve the same Also my mynd and will is that all my corne aswell wthin howse as wthout growing

[1] The sisters here mentioned are, Elizabeth, wife of John Whitmore of Thurstanston Esq.; Margaret Daniel, mother of the future Judge; Margery, wife of Ralph Leversage of Wheelock; and his sister-in-law Dorothy, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. and wife of his brother Richard Wilbraham.

and all my cattaile and howsehold goodd℘ (heriatts bequest℘ and harelomes excepted) shalbe equallie devided in thre part℘ wherof my will is my wiefe shall have one ꝑte and my brother Ric. an other ꝑte and the thridd ꝑte to be toward℘ the ꝑformannce of this my will and testamēt And forther my will is that my wiefe shall have xx^{li} in readie monie to bestowe at her pleasure in consideracõn that I have willed but the third ꝑte of my corne cattaile and howsehold stuffe to her as is before menciõd wch I so did biecause the most of the said good℘ were left to me by my father to thentent I shuld leave the same to my brother to remaine at this howse as by my said fathers will whose soull God ꝑdon hit may appeare wch I wold on my behalfe shuld be performid as nere as I cold whereunto my wiefe ꝑmysed me to be contented Howbeit in case she will not be so pleased but requyrethe to have the half of the said good℘ then rather then stryfe or unkindnes should therbie growe I will she have the halfe of the same And for so much the said thrid ꝑte appointed as above saide toward℘ the ꝑformannce of this my will is not sufficient to discharge and accomplishe the same And my mynd and will is that my sayd brother shall have all my dett℘ that be owinge to me and also all my monie to thentent he shall se this my will throughlie ꝑformed and the ov̄plus (yf any shalbe) to be by hym employed disposed and bestowed in dedes of charitie and otherwyse as he shall thinke necessarie and requisite I remytt the same fullie to his discrecõn and consciens willinge and requiringe hym to deley the doynge therof no longer then of necessitie shalbe requisite And I will my said brother shall have all suche ꝑcell℘ of plate for herelomes as were left to me by my father And forther he to have for harelomes as shalbe reasonable accordinge to the custome of the cunntrie And also I will he have all suche tack℘ and fermes land℘ as I have for terme of liefe or yeres And also I will he have all suche monie as I have laid downe for morgaged land℘ when the same shalbe redemed Also I geve to M^{o}gerie the butler and to Dic

Wirrall to eyther of them v m⁹kꝭ and to all other my howsehold sʳvñntꝭ at the tyme of my deathe xxˢ besidꝭ ther wagꝭ Itm I will that my brother Ric̃ dailie waytinge sʳvanntꝭ shall have ev⁹y of them xˢ Also I will that Sʳ John Alman shall have yerelie duringe the space of vj yeres next after my deathe paid to hym by my exec̃ iiijˡⁱ to say masse and p⁹ye spc̃allie for my sowle my father and mothers sowles and all other my frendꝭ sowles and to serve at Acton churche duringe the said yeres in case the pishion⁹s will finde a St. Marye p⁹yste besides duringe the same tyme And yf they do not then the forsaid Sʳ John to be at my brothers appointmēt where to sʳve I toke a chalice into my handꝭ at the rieffelinge of churches wᶜʰ my mother deliv⁹ed to sʳve at oʳ Ladie alter I will the same be deliv⁹ed againe for Sʳ John to say masse wᵗʰ Also I desire my brother to agre wᵗʰ Sʳ John Bushell for other vj yeres to pray for the sowles above said at what place they two shall agre apon imediatlie after my death The most part of all suche dettꝭ as ar owinge me by way of lone ar written in a red pap boke beynge in the ploʳ cupbord and other detts for wood cattaile and corne are written in the longe narowe boke of white pap I had in my kepinge dyv⁹se prcellꝭ of monie and gold of my suster Daniell and have deliv⁹ed her the same againe when shė sent monie to the m⁹chñntt And some peces of gold of my suster Whitmores I have in kepinge My suster Daniell owith me that I have laid downe for her all thingꝭ beynge allowed and the booke cast by my brother xxvijᵒ die Julii añis iij et iiijᵗᵒ regꝭ et regine lxxxviijˡⁱ xviijˢ ixᵈ I had xviij bushellꝭ of barlie of her not reconed for and for recompence therof and to have her to be good to her children above I am contented to have nothinge for her table and her dowhters they time the were wᵗʰ me Also I nowe appoint and desire my brother Ric̃ my wiefe my cosins Wiłłm Lyverseche and Tho. Clutton to be my executoʳˢ of this my will and testamēt and do geve to either of my said cosins ij angell nobles Also I desire my cosin Sʳ

Ric̃ Egerton knight that hit will please hym to be ovseer of this my said will and I geve unto hym for a remembraunce iij angells Finis.

TESTAMENTUM THOME STARKIE DE STRETTON IN COM. CESTR. ARMIGERI.[1]

IN the name &c. The iiijth of Julie m v^{c} xlvij I Thom̄s Starkie of Stretton w^{t}in the cowntie of Chester esq̃er beynge in good mynd and in good and parfitt remembraunce laude and prayse be unto Almightie God make and ordeyne this my present testamēt concninge herein my last will in man̄ and forme followinge that is to say ffirst I comend my sowle unto Almightie God my maker and redeem̄ and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Budworth wthin the chauncell there afore the hye alter where any of my auncestor^{s} have bene buried afore Also I geve vj^{s} viij^{d} towardę the reparc̃ons of the churche Also I will that all suche dettę and duties as I owe of right or consciens to any pson or psons be well and trulie contented and paid by myne exec̃ hereafter named or els for so to be paid wthout contradicc̃on or againe sayeinge and all suche as shalbe bequethed by me the forsaid Thom̄s as hereafter ensuethe Also I geve &c. unto Sr Wm Hardware vicare of Budworthe in the name of my mortuarie x^{s} and where I am behynd wth the said vicare of any dutie or duties wch apperteyne unto hym other x^{s} desiringe hym to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto Ellen my dowhter two fetherbeddę and ij kye to be taken out of my goodę and cattaillę and to be delived unto her at suche tyme as she shall

[1] No date of probate. He married Anne daughter of Sir John Booth of Barton Knt., by whom he left two sons and a daughter, Ellen, who married Richard son of Randle Spurstow of Spurstow Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 491, and vol. ii. p. 158. See his father's Will p. 19.

kepe howse Also I geve to Elizabeth Spurstowe my goddaughter one cowe and that to deliver to my brother Rondull Spurstowe that he may se that to go forwardꝑ for her behalfe Also I geve my chamlet gowne and velvet jacket to make ij vestmēts to the chapell of Stretton to serve there Also hit is my will to have vj white gownes to vj pore men to bere torches that is to wytt to John Pickerin Rafe Hall Hughe Caldwall Randull Starkie Thom̄s More and John Bennet Crepill And after my buriall done I will iij of the said torches to be deliv̄d to Budworth churche and the other iij to remaine at Stretton chapell agreynge wth the vicare for them Also I will that my sonne Ric̄ shall have my lease of the tithes of Stretton from and after the feast of Saint Martin the Bushoppe next after my decease payenge unto my executo^rs^ iiij^li^ of usuall monie w^t^in xl^tie^ daies after it be reasonablie demaunded and also he to suffer my wiefe to have all the tithes of Moswoodd so longe as my said wiefe kepithe hospitalitie there w^th^out any rent therfore payenge Also I geve to my said sonne Ric̄ my best gowne furred wth skynes Also I bequethe to my cosin Ric̄ M^9^burie of Walton one of my two coltꝑ to be taken at his election at or on thiside Martenmas next after my decease Also I bequethe to my sonne Geffrey a doublet of velvet and my cloth gowne furred wth blacke lambe Also I bequethe to my servūnt Robte Threlfall on twinter heffer and to Isabell Percivall my servūnt one calfe and to M^9^garet Colstenstoke my serv^a^nt on calfe The rest to my executo^rs^ whom I ordeyne my right trustie and derelie belovid Anne and Geffrey Starkie my younger sonne And I constitute and make my ov̄seers Sr Ric̄ Jerratt parson of Grapnall Ric̄ M^9^burie of Walton and Ric̄ Urmston Thes beynge witnes John Grymisdiche of Deynewall Ric̄ Starkie of Apulton John Grymisdiche of Grymisdiche Sr Peter Lachford chapleyne and others Also I bequethe to the chapell of Stretton ij kyne

Thomo^s^ Starkie esquier.

THE WILL OF JOHN DUTTON OF THE NEW MANOR.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen The ixth daye of ffebruarie in the xxxiiijth of Henrie the eight &c. I John Dutton of the newe mano^{r} wholl in mynde &c. ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God and o^{r} Lady St Mary and beseche him that I may be ꝑtaker wth him of ye joyes that he bought for me and all mankynd wth hys ꝑciouse blode And my bodye and bones to be buryed in the chaunsell of Derresbury afore the Image of St Elyn there ffurther yt is my mynde and will y^{t} all suche thingꝭ as be undoone of my fathers wyll wherewth I was put in trust ye same shalbe accomplysshed and doone wth my goodꝭ by myne executourꝭ Also I will that all my landꝭ goodꝭ and cattelles moveable and unmoveable shall contynewe styll together after my discesse unto suche tyme as my yongest bastard childe shalbe of the age of xvij yearꝭ and if my wyffe so longe keep her sole unmaryed after my discesse and ye same to be imployed and go to theyre exhibicōn and most ꝑffyt duringe the same tyme And I to be brought home and my funerall expenses and legacies to be payd upon my whole goodꝭ And if my wiffe in ye meane tyme be maried and be not contented to lyve so longe sole or if she withe this my will be not contented then it is my full mynd and wyll that my sayd goodꝭ and catelles shall equally be devyded in three ꝑtes And one ꝑte therof my wyffe to have and another ꝑte my bastard sonnes and ye thyrd ꝑte my bastard doughters And if my wyffe nowe be wth child whether it be man child or woman chyld then I will that the same child have a porcōn of my goodꝭ like as my other bastard chyldrene have And the third parte of the ꝑffyttꝭ and revenewes of my landꝭ I will y^{t}

[1] No date of probate. An illegitimate son of Laurence Dutton of Dutton Esq. See his father's Will p. 22.

my wiffe have duringe her lyffe And after that the sayd seventene yeare be fully ended and fynysshed I will all my landes w^th^in the countie of Chester and the ffee of Halton shall go and remaine in man̄ and forme as herafter ensueth It is to witt y^t^ if my wyffe be wth chyld wth a sone then he to have the moitie or halffen deale therof and John Dutton my bastard sone thother moitie or halffen-deale to theym and to ye heires males of their bodies lawfullie begotten And if it chaunce ether of theym to discease w^th^out haire male then it ys my mynde and wyll y^t^ whether of theym fortunes to survive thother shall have ye whole landes to him and to his hayres male by his bodie lawfullie begotten And for default of suche yssue then yt is my will the same my landes shall go and remaine to Thomas my bastard sonne and to theire male of his bodie lawfully begotten and so to remaine from one bastard sonne to another as longe as I have any sonne Item I geve and bequethe towarde the makinge of a wyndowe upon the south syde of ye churche of Derresburie if my name may be sett inthe same and the same syde be made w^th^in the space of xvij yeares next ensuynge the date herof xl^s^ Item I geve and bequethe xxx^s^ for three trentalles of masses to be sayd for me to wyt one trentall to be sayd the daye that I am buryed if so many priestes can be gotten and if not then to be fylled out another daye and thother two trentalles to be sayd by Sr Hamnet Sonky Sr Wyllm Pikton and Sr Robt Sonky assone as they may convenientlie afterwardes And y^t^ every of thafforesayd xvij yeares that vj^s^ viij^d^ be dysposed apon an obyte or mynynnynge[1] [*sic*] day thone halfe to be geven to poore folkes and thother to the pryestes and clarkes and for bread and drynke Also I geve &c. to Katherin Wyrrall xl^s^ and desyre her in the waye of charitie to forgeve me of suche offences and trespaces as I have made to her

[1] Minnyng-day — the anniversary festival in which prayers were offered up for the souls of the deceased, A. S. See Halliwell in voce. "Minning" is still a common Lancashire word for *reminding*.

I geve &c. to Margaret Bikerton xx^{s} and to Ellen Kirkham other xx^{s} Item I will that at my buryenge vj white gownes be bought by my executo^{rs} and distributed to vj poore folkꝗ where they shall thinke most expedient and nedefull I ordeyne &c. John Dutton and Thomas Dutton my bastard sonnes my executo^{rs} and I desire my Mr Sr Peers Dutton my brother Thomas Dutton and Thomas Grymesdich and my wyffe to be ovseers of the same And if it fortune herafter that any of my afforesaid childrene chaunce to be marryed affore ye afforesayd xvij yearꝗ be expyred or be not contented to tarry together but will go and be ruled by him or her selfe then I will that the same child so goynge from thother shall have for his or her porcōn viij m^{v}kꝗ And if any of my executourꝗ or ovseers of this my will take paines or be at charges for the pfermēt or fulfyllinge of this my will it is my mynde that they shalbe recompensed at the ovsight of the other ovseers Item I geve and bequethe to evy of my godsonnes ij^{s} Item I geve &c. to John Bothe vj^{s} viij^{d} and to Laurence Bothe vj^{s} viij^{d} and to Rondull Onesworth vj^{s} viij^{d} Item it is my wyll that if it chaunce me to discesse at this tyme that this my wyll shalbe made up in due forme accordinge as it ought to be by thadvise of my brother Thomas and Thomas Grymisdyche and my executo^{rs} to have the kepinge therof These beinge wytnes Sr Thoms Fletcher vicar of Runcorn Sr Hamnet Sonky Sr Wyllm Pikton Rondull Onesworthe Thomas Dutton Thomas Grymysdyche Roger Massye of Acton John Henryson of Aunston Henry Duckworth and others And herunto I have put my seale the daye and yeare above sayd Item I geve &c. ye resydue of the tackꝗ of my howse wherein I nowe dwell wth all landꝗ therunto belonginge to my wyffe as longe as she kepeth her sole unmaried towardꝗ ye kepinge of her and my bastard children and if she marie or decease then I will geve &c. the same to John my eldest bastard sonne and if he discesse then to the eldest of my bastard sonnes next him. John Dutton.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS WRIGHTINGTON ARMIGERI.[1]

Ꝑbat̃ corā Maǧro Jo. Hanson xv^to Decemƀ m^o v^c lviij^o.

IN the name &c. The xxiij^th of August m v^c lviij I John Wrightington w^thin the countie of Lanc̃ esq̃er sicke in bodie &c. ffirst I do comend my sowle into the handes of Almightie God trustinge throughe ye m^ꝯcie and grace of God to have the fruicion of his blessed presence amonge all the saincts and angellꝭ in heavin and my bodie I do comitt to chrasten men his buriall in my parishe churche of Standishe nere the place where my wiefe was buried And as concerninge my goodꝭ first I do geve to Alexander Wrightington my sonne in the name of his childꝭ part and for the discharge thereof xxvj^li xiij^s iiij^d and to ev̄ child of the said Alexander xx^s Item I do geve all my plate cuppes salt spones and other made of silv̄ or gold to Ric̃ my sonne and his heres to remaine as harelomes to hym and his said heres for ev̄ And I do geve to the said Ric̃ and his heres in like man̄ all iren chymleys wth all brasse pewter beddinge and all other implemēts of howsehold Itm̄ I do geve to Thom̄s Chyssnall my sonne in lawe two old ryallꝭ and one angell and to John Chisnall my god sonne xl^s and to ev̄y other of the said Thom̄s Chisnall children x^s Itm̄ I do geve to John Wrightington sonne unto Arthure Wrightington my brother xl^s Also I do geve to the buildinge of my parishe churche of Standishe

[1] This family did not enter at any of the Visitations. Robert Dicconson of Eccleston married Ann, daughter of John Wrightington of Wrightington Esq., whose grandson Hugh Dicconson had Wrightington by gift of his uncle [great uncle?] Sir Edward Wrightington, Bencher of Gray's Inn, where he resided.—Wilson's *MSS.*, Shepherd's Library, Preston. The property has passed by descent to Charles Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. the present owner. For a notice of these families see the *Derby Household Books*, pp. 120, 163.

xl^{s} ov̄ and besid̊ xx^{s} gevin to the said churche by my father decessed Itm I do geve to Henrie White xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and to Ric̄ and John his bretherne to either of them vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to ev̄y servunt man that I have ov̄ and besid̊ his wages that he will reken apon his consciens vj^{s} viij^{d} wch be thes Wm Nightingale and Wm Haryson and to James Turner and Ric̄ Rigbie to either of them iij^{s} iiij^{d} Item to Mres Agnes Standishe and Mres Isabell her sister to either of them xx^{s} Item it is my will that my stocke of sheepe shall remaine hollie to my executors to the entent they may wth the revenues and increase therof dispose yerelie amongę the poore people of Wrightington Heskin and Eccleston vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to ev̄y godchild I have xij^{d} Itm to M^{r}garet Denton ov̄ her wages as she can reken xx^{s} Item to Isabell Cowlinge vj^{s} viij^{d}. Itm to Sr Ric̄ Modie[1] in the consideracōn of his paynes wth me vj^{s} viij^{d} Itm to John Robte and Thōms Hawett to ev̄y of them vj^{s} viij^{d} To Ric̄ Waringe iij^{s} iiij^{d} Itm to Robt Chamblayne the parishe clarke of Standishe for his paynes ij^{s} And the Residue of all my good̊ dett̊ and legacies herin mencōed or hereafter to be declared and my funall expenses fullie dischargid I do geve whollie to Ric̄ my said sonne to the bringinge up of his children And by this I do make and constitute Ric̄ Wrightington my sonne and heire apparent and John Wrightington sonne to the said Ric̄ to be my true and lawfull executors this my will and testament so to execute accordinge to the tenor theroff And so I do make supviso^{r} my assured Mr Edward Standishe esquier to whom for his paines takinge I do give two old riall̊ of gold And that this is my true will and testamēt I have caused my curate to write hit wth his owne hand and I have sealed and signed hit wth myne owne hand

John Wrightington.

[1] For a notice of this Rector see Gastrell's *Not. Cestr.* vol. ii. part iii. p. 392, *Note.*

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI TORBOCKE DE TORBOCKE IN COM. LANC. ARMIGERI.[1]

IN the name &c. The xiiijth of May m v^{c} lvij I Wiłłm Torbocke of Torbocke esquier hole in bodie &c. ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightie God and to o^{r} Ladie Saint Marie and all the hollie cumpanie of heavin and my bodie to be buried where hit shall please God to call for me out of this transitorie world onles if I die wthin x myles of Huyton parishe then my bodie to be buried under the tombe where Sr Wm Torbocke knight liethe in my own chapell The tombe to be set up againe apon my cost and charge imediatlie after the buriall ffirst I bequethe harelomes ꝑte I found and more I do gyve for heirelomes to myne heires for ev̄ ffirst I bequethe one chalis of silv̄ ꝑcell gilded I bequethe a silv̄ salt vj spones also the best bason and ewer and also the best towall for the same also the best bordclothe wth vj napkins of the best for the table I bequethe all my harnes and all the bedcasis bothe cervin bedd℮ and other plaine bedd℮ with all the meate bord℮ and formes therunto also all cupbord℮ in the chambers and also the chaires I bequethe all standinge leades here and at the chapell hall for hit is my will that they shall kepe the same places Also I do geve all the yelinge combes wth ij gret saltinge tubbes in the larder house I do geve two gret spitt℮ wth their rack℮ for them Also I do bequethe the brinynge coumbe wth the gret pott in the kichin wth

[1] Not proved, the executors having renounced. William, son of Thomas Torbock of Torbock Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of William Moore [of Bank Hall], married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Gerard of Bryn, by whom he had issue two daughters, Frances and Margaret. His sisters Margaret and Alice were married, the former to William Ireland of Lydiate, and the latter to John Harrington of Huyton Esq.—*Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 100. The inquisition post mortem, taken 1 Elizabeth, states that his daughter Frances was a year and a half old, and Margaret only two months.

one halfe garnishe of pewter vessell Also I bequethe all the beddinge wch liethe in the chamber named my Lordꝭ chamb̃ wth all the henginge in the same chamb̃ Also I bequethe all the old arkꝭ and also ij gret arkꝭ standinge in the nursarie wth the chest that stands in my closet that my evidence are in I bequethe to my said heires my signet that I do weare apon my fynger and also the best paire of shodd whelis wth iron and also the best waine and thre of the best sidroppes one best hyde yoke wth ij best draughtyokꝭ and also two of the best plowes wth ye irons that longꝭ to them and also two of the best harrowes wth iron pynnes and also a paire of weldꝭ wth iron Itm I bequethe iiijor of the best oxon and also my best mare and also a bull and iiijor of my best kie and also the best boore and the best sowe and also all the lomys for a webster to werke in Item I do bequethe the iron chymney that is used to stand in the hall and all the iron gere that belonges to the milnes This is my will that yf my wief nowe beynge wth child yf hit please God to be a sonne hit to have all thingꝭ afore written yf she have a doughter then I do make my brother Edward[1] myne heire and to have all suche heirelomes as is afore expressed yf hit fortune that I have an heire male of my bodie lawfullie begotten then I bequethe to my said brother Edward of my gyfte vli yerelie duringe his lief as I shall declare by my dede wth lyverseason Also I bequethe my said brother to have all suche goodddꝭ and dettꝭ

[1] Edward Torbock married Dorothy, daughter of George Cotton of Combermere, and had issue Sir Edward Torbock Knt. who by his wife Margaret, daughter of Edward Norres of Speke, had a son Edward. — *Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 100. The Cotton pedigree (Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 212) states that she was the daughter of Richard Cotton. From the Act Book at Chester it appears that administration of the goods of Edward Torbock of Torbock Esq. was granted to Dorothy his widow 6th June 1608. Through this entry the pen has been drawn. On July 28th following administration of the above was granted to Edward Torbock Esq. son of Sir Edward Torbock Knt. and grandson of the above Edward. Edward Torbock Esq. and his two sons Adam and Richard, enrolled their names at the Guild held at Preston 2nd September 1622, which is the latest notice I have met with of this ancient family.

that I do owe hym I do geve hym my hope ringe of gold having two lr̃es in hit that is A T and W Ite̅m I bequethe hym my best somer nagge my sword saddle and bridell I bequethe to my doughter ffrauncis Torbocke thre hundreth m^{9}k$_{\varrho}$ to her marriage and to be taken and receyvid of my land$_{\varrho}$ to be made accordinge to the lawe yerlie to be receyvid by suche frend$_{\varrho}$ as I shall appoint and a chest to be made wth double band$_{\varrho}$ and lock$_{\varrho}$ at my cost$_{\varrho}$ and charg$_{\varrho}$ to kepe the same monie in unto suche tyme that she come to mariage I do bequethe her in consideracō̃n that she shall not have any p̃te of goodd$_{\varrho}$ that belong$_{\varrho}$ to me but that I may bequethe at my pleasure yet I bequethe my said doughter one fetherbed a matteras a boulster two pillowes a paire of flaxen sheetis two fledge blanket$_{\varrho}$ and a counter poynt Ite̅m I do bequethe my said doughter two kye and also xx^{tie} sheepe and one gret coffer also one brasse pot called the pore mannes pott I bequethe to my brother Wm Ireland a blacke gowne and cote and to my sister Ireland a blacke gowne and also iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Also I bequethe to Laurence Ireland my godchild iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} my said suster to put hit forthe for his most profett Ite̅m I bequethe to my brother John Harington a blacke gowne and cote and to my suster his wiefe a blacke gowne and iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} I bequethe to Percivall Harington my godchild xl^{s} in monie and to Anne Harington my god doughter iiij^{or} m^{9}k$_{\varrho}$ in monie to be put forthe for them at the sight of their mother Yf my wief have a doughter then it to have ij^{c} m^{9}k$_{\varrho}$ to her mariage to be taken up of my laund$_{\varrho}$ made accordinge to the lawe also I do geve her ij kye and one fetherbedd wth all hanging$_{\varrho}$ longinge to the same in and for consideracō̃n that hit shall not claime any child$_{\varrho}$ p̃te of goodd$_{\varrho}$ but that I may geve and dispose at my pleasure Ite̅m I bequethe to my suster Anne Torbocke a blacke gowne and two hundrethe m^{9}k$_{\varrho}$ to her mariage yf she do marie by the advyse of her frend$_{\varrho}$ to be taken of my land$_{\varrho}$ as shalbe made by dede according to the lawe Also I do geve her at suche tyme she

is married vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to bie her appell Also I do geve to my suster Dorithie a blacke gowne and also two hundreth m^{ꝯ}kꝭ in consideracōn of suche stuffe that I have of hers Also I do geve her the best fetherbedd that was her owne a bolster two pillowes a matteras two blankets and a coꝯynge And also I do geve her xx^{tie} m^{ꝯ}kꝭ of monie to be taken out of my goodꝭ to bie her apparell Also I do geve to myne uncle Ric̃ Torbocke liij^{s} iiij^{d} yerelie Itm I do geve my servūnt Ric̃ Torbocke xxvj^{s} viij^{d} yerelie Itm I do geve to Sr George Robinson preist a blacke gowne the same preist to have yerelie iiij^{li} to be taken of my landꝭ as muche as wantꝭ of the hyre of the kie longinge to the stocke of this towne of Torbocke to be made sure accordinge to the lawe And he for the same to serve and say masse and other devine service that longꝭ for a preist to do to pray for the soullꝭ of my p̄decessorꝭ and me and all Christen soullꝭ duringe his naturall lief to serve at the chappell that standꝭ apon Torbocke grene yf the said chappell be not builded up at the tyme of my deceasse then I will that the said chappell shalbe made up apon my costꝭ and charge Also I do geve unto the said chappell on chalice of silver p̄cell gilt a vestment and all thingꝭ that longis to the same to be at the oꝯsight of the lords of Torbocke Also I do geve to Wm Hayward my servūnt xiij^{s} iiij^{d} yerelie except he be otherwais preferred by me Also I geve to Elizabeth Worsley my wiefes mayden a blacke gowne and iiij^{or} m^{ꝯ}kꝭ towardꝭ her mariage Also I do geve to all my yomen that nowe do me service eꝯye one a blacke cote and a hole yeres wagꝭ oꝯ and besides that I do owe to them at my decesse I do geve Wm Skellicorne for his service done to my father and me that he shall have imediatlie after the decesse of Nicholas Wyke the tenemēt wch the said Nicholas nowe dwellꝭ in I am content for Nicholas sake that John Wike shall have the tenemēt in Wooton wch Wm Skellicorne hath nowe at my handꝭ althoughe he was offender Also I do geve to George Matherer Wilkinsons house yf he and the widoo be content to

marrie together payenge yerelie all suche rentę and ꝯvyce as is accustomed yf in case the widowe will not marrie the said George then I will that Martinmas come twelfemonthe the tenemēt shalbe devided George to have the one halfe and she to have the other halfe duringe her widdowe hood to bringe up her children for he to do two ptę and she but one yf she do marrie or decesse then the hole tenemēt Itm I do geve to James Moreton my coke to have after the decesse of ux^r^ Robt Crokę the tenemēt wch she nowe dwellę apon payenge all rentę &c. and to do service to me and myne heres the gevinge hym wagę for his service Also I do geve John Hurst biecause he knowes no wagę to have xl^s^ desiringe my wiefe and my brother Edward to be good to hym Also I do geve Roger Burges a blacke cote for his paine and iij^s^ iiij^d^ I do geve Thoms Orme of Wooton besidę his cote xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Itm I geve myne uncle Sr Wm More priest a blacke gowne and xl^s^ Itm I do geve Sr Edward Lawe vicar of Huyton xl^s^ Itm I do geve unto M^ꝯ^garet Ireland my servūnt and Elizabeth Ireland her suster to either of them vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ towardę their marriagę Itm I do geve to my worke servauntę all suche as have done iij yeres service or upward shall have a hole yeres wagę besidę that I do owe them and the rest of my servūntę to have a quarter wage besidę that I do owe them and for the rest that I geve no wage unto I will that my executo^rs^ shall loke apon them and to do for them as they shall thinke cause I do geve &c. to Elizabethe Dewerhouse xxvj^s^ viij^d^ Itm to Alice Mather xx^s^ and to eꝯy on of the other xiij^s^ iiij^d^ I bequethe viij pore men eꝯy one of them a white gowne to suche as I shall appoint And vj blacke gownes to vj poore women as I shall declare hereafter or els to the poorest of myne owne tenentę Also hit is my will that my bodie to be buried w^th^out pride not to geve no dole at the day of my buriall but to preistę and clarkę but the shall distribute hereafter w^th^in xiiij daies after my buriall xij mettę of wheate what p^r^ce soeꝯ hit be at in bred one mett in Torbocke a

mett in Huyton a mett in Knowsley a mett in Prescot a mett in Whiston a mett in Crounton a met in Ditton a mett in Halewood a mett in Miche Wooton and Little Wooton two mettꝭ in Lyvpole Also I do ordene &c. my true and lawfull executors Kat̃ Torbocke my wief my cosin George Ireland esquier of the Hutt my uncle John More esquire myne uncle Sr Robt More and my brother Edward Torbocke Itm I bequethe to my cosin Ireland a blacke gowne a cote and my tercell of gowshake And also to myne uncle John More a blacke gowne and cote and a geldinge named Coll Also I do geve to myne uncle Sr Robt More a blacke gowne and a cote and a blacke geldinge with a white face and xxli over and besideꝭ that I do owe hym And forthermore hit is my will that all my landꝭ in Raineforthe shall go and be taken towardꝭ the payenge of my dettꝭ and pformaunce of this my last will except all suche landꝭ in Raynforthe as I have geven by dede of feofmēt In witnes herof to this my last will and testamēt I have set to my seale and subscribed my name the day and yere above written

Wiłłm Torbocke esquier.

Witnesses Sr Robt Moore ct Sr Wm Moore ct George Mader Elizabeth Worsley Wiłłm Heyward Wm Abbott wth others.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM DAVENPORT OF BRAMHALL ESQ.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen Primo die mensis Junii anno incarnac̃ois Dñi nr̃i Jesu Xt̃i millesimo quingeno quadrageo primo I Wiłłm Dampte of Bromall esquier sicke and feble in my bodie nevthelesse

[1] No date of probate. The testator married Blanche, daughter of Sir John Warburton [of Warburton and Arley] Knt. by whom he had, besides other children, Katherine the wife of Hugh Revell of the county of Derby, and Ellen the wife of Ralph Done of Flaxyards Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 401.

of good and ꝑfecte mynde and remēbraunce dredinge the uncertaine tyme of my naturall deathe make my testamēt and laste will in maṅ and forme followinge ffirste I bequeth my soull to Almightie God and to o^r Lady St. Marie his blessed mother and to all the holie cumpanye of heaven And my bodie to be buryed in the chappell of o^r blessed Lady w^th^in the churche of Stopforde apon the southe syde of the same chappell where my anncesto^rs be buryed Also I will that myne executors shall pay unto the ꝑson of Stopford for my mortuarie according to the acte of parliamēt therof made concerninge mortuaries And I will that my sonne have his haire lomys accordinge to ye custome of this countie of Chesshyre And I will that my funeralles debtꝭ restitucōns and all other thingꝭ ordinarye and reasonable be equally devyded in iij partes wherof one parte to remaine to Blanche my wiffe And the seconde to my children not maryed and the third to remain to myne executors to ꝑforme my legacies and bequestꝭ And I will that myne executo^rs cause an honest priest to celebrate masse and other devine service for the soulles of me my father my mother my auncetor^s and all Christen soulles in the church of Stopford and chappell of Bromall by the space of one wholle yeare next after my deathe ffor convenient wagꝭ so to do Itē I will that myne executo^rs cause xxx^tie^ masses to be celebrat and doone [in] Stopford church incontinēt after my deathe for my sowlle my fathers mothers anncetor^s and all Christen soulles and pay for ev̄y masse iiij^d^ Itm I geve toward the mayntenn̄ce of the service of our blessed Ladie in the churche of Stopforde xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Itm I geve &c. to the reparacōn of the sayd churche xl^s^ Item I geve &c. toward the mayntenance of the service of St. Peter there xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Itm I geve &c. to the churche of Chedull towardꝭ the buyldinge therof xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Itm I geve &c. to my servauntꝭ Ric̄ Dampte xx^s^ to Thomas Downs xx^s^ and Bartilmew Dampte xx^s^ And the residue of my goodꝭ and cattelles that remaine to myne executo^rs for my ꝑte I gyve and

bequeth to my son Wiłłm Damport to kepe my doughters Katherin and Ellen [with] meate drinke and clothis convenyentlie untyll the be maryed and he to have all their ptes of my goodꝛ to theym belonginge Itē I geve &c. to John Dampte my sone a coate of fence a sallet and a payre of splentꝛ and a bill And to my sone Hummffrey Dampte a coate a sallett and a payre of splentꝛ and a bill And I will that my wief have ye thrid pte of my landꝛ y^t she is indowable in w^thout any sute at the comen lawe w^thin xx^tie dayes next after my discesse And I will y^t Robt Longley and my said wyef and Wiłłm my sone have ye gov̄nance and orderinge of John Dampte and Howffrey Dampte untill they come to yearꝛ of discrecōn and receyve the annuyties goodꝛ and cattelles to theyr uses Also I geve &c. unto Katherin Dampte and Ellen Dampte my doughters all my pcelles of land medowe pasture and wood in Bromall aforesaid called Shottiswall of the yerelie valewe of xxvj^s viij^d and ye barlie feld nye Snylbismore of the yearlie value of xx^s untyll they shall have receyved of the same p̄mysses after my deathe viij scoore powndꝛ toward their mariagꝛ after the rate of xiij^li vj^s viij^d ev̄ye yeare that is to wytt to eyther of theym foure score powndꝛ and the same money to be put into the kepinge of my sayd executo^rs to the use aforesaid so that there be a coffer remayninge in the howse of Bromall wth foure lockꝛ for the assurance and kepinge of the same money and ev̄y one of the sayd executo^rs to have a key of the same Also I wyll that Wyłłm Dampte my sone and hayre shall [have] ye occupacōn and usuage of suche landꝛ as I have geven to my sayd doughters payenge for the same to John Dampte and Wiłłm Newton as apyth in a certaine dede to theym made And that the sayd John and Wiłłm shall make a leace to the sayd Wiłłm Dampte of the same landꝛ duringe the sayd yearꝛ Provyded alwayes that if the said Katheryn and Ellyn or other of theym discesse or they be maryed then such pte as belongeth to suche as shall discesse to remaine to my sone Wiłłm Dampte and his heirꝛ

ffurthermore knowe ye all men y^t I have made Thomas Downes myne atturney to entre into the ꝑmysses and deliv̄ possessyon therof to the sayd Katherin and Ellen accordinge to this my will And I constitute Robt Longley esquier Wyłłm Dampte my sone and heyre Thomas Aston esquier and Blanche my wyeff my true and lawfull executors &c. In witnes &c. These beinge witnes Robt Longley esquier Robt Huyde esquier John Dampte of Widford gent̄ Thomas Werburton of Castell Norwiche Sr Rauffe Hulme chaplen Rog: Massie Arnold Hunt and others Provyded alwayes y^t if the sayd Katherin and Ellen or other of theym misorder theym selffe and be not maryed by thadvice assent and consent of the sayd Robt Longley Blanche my wyffe and Wiłłm my sonne or two of theym that then this graunt of viij score pounde to theym made to be voyde to theym or to other of theym y^t so dothe marrie or mysordre theym selffe.

The inventorie of ye goode and cattels of Wiłłm Dampte esquire decessed p^rs by Laurence Bothe Arnall Hunt Geo..... and Roger Danell xv die Novembr̄ a^o r. re H. viij xxxiij^o

Imp^rmis xij fate oxen and iij fate kye x^li — xxx draught oxen xx^li — xxj stirks vj^li vj^s — iij thrint̄ bullokе and xxxiij twint̄ xij^li — xxiiij wenyng calfes iij^li — xxxiij melch kye xj^li x^s — in corne by est̄ xl^li — in wull x^li — weders shepe now in Derrebyshire xj scoore and viij — of ewes in Darrebeshire xiij scoore and vij — in lambe in Darbishere fyve scoore xvj — in rames v — in weders now at Bromhall vj — in ewes at Bromhall iij — in rames at Bromhall iij — borres at Bromhall vj — in bife swine hoges and sowes xx^v — in shotte swine xx^v

 Item in ye whit chamber a feth̄ bed a mattres and tow fustian blankets a wollen blanket a cov̄let a cont̄poynt a bolster on ye whele bedd a feth̄ bed ij wollen blanketе a cov̄let a cov̄enge of grene say a bolst̄ In the cloke chamber ij feth̄ bede ij mattresses

viij blankette of wollen viij covlettes iiij bolsters iiij pillowes ij contpoynte ij bed covynge say In ye bruhouse a mattres ij covlette In ye chapell chamber ij mattresses iij blankette wollen ij covlette In the plore chamber a feth bed iiij mattresses iij covlette v wollen blankete ij bolsters ij pillowes In ye yate house chamber a feth bed ij mattresses iiij blankette iiij covlette a coveng a grene say ij bolsters ij pillowes Sir Willm chamber a [*sic*] mattresses and blankete ij covlete The yomans chamber ij mattresses ij blankete iiij covlete a bolst In ye stable chamber ij mattresses iiij covlete ij blankete In ye chamber ov ye buttery ij feth beds iiij mattresses vij blankete a quilt ij covlete iiij bolsters iij pillowes a contpoynt ij coveng a grene say In ye ferth chamber ij mattresses iij covlete a quilt ij bolsters a coveng of old red say In ye stoure house iiij mattresses ij covlette viij blankete iij contpont iij bolsters vj quyshons unlined newest in cheses six score and v xxiij payre of flaxen shete and a shete A xj payre of teir of hempen shete xiiij payre of canvis shete xiiij new diabor napkyns iiij flaxen bord clothes six borde clothes of flaxen fyve oth bord clothes for ye hall xij canvas bord clothes vij oth towels mor of Iryshe yorne xiij oth round towels xvj fyne pillowes beres a pece of flaxen clothe uncut ij drabs of teir of hempe a drab of new canvis an oth drab of new canvis In the hall seyven carpet quischōn In ye skreene a greit voider of pewt ij bassens ij ewers of pewt a masselen bassen vj old carpet quishens iiij grene quishens In ye chapell iij old ewlow quishens ij andirons In ye kechen ij great potte iiij oder brase potte a possenet ij fysch pannes ij fryeng pañes a dreping pane fyve iron broches ij iron galbarte ij brendrette a garnishe of London pewter vessell xvij brod dishes xij pottēgers xij salsers xv trankette iij potthooke a brasen mort and pestell ij chafing dishes a caldron an andiron ij barres for ye same a gridiron In ye daye house ij mylke leade a mylke pane of brasse a pewt bole a pewt dishe ij skellette v poote of butt and a bawke of butt In ye bruhouse a greite furnes of

lead a lesse furnes ij brasse panes a lesse and a more In ye bakehouse iij wort lead In ye barkhouse fyve dikar and a half tanned In ye butterie xvij silv spones a silv salt w^t^ a cov xviij chandlers In ye pantrie a coffre and a half of tallow candels redie made In ye wullhouse a pyle of wole cōteynyng threscore stone and ten iiij stone and a half in ij grete wyscett of wolle in another wisket xxx pond of sponnen fyne wollen yorne in another wisket xx^ti^ pound of spennen yorne Spennen yorne at ye webst in one pece xxx pounds anoth pece at ye webster xxiiij pound In anoth store house xxv teir of hempe slipping xxij canvis slipping x flaxen slipping In hole cakes of rendred tallow and iij quarters of a cake and oder tallowe unmelted by estimacion &c. &c. [No amount given.]

THE WILL OF LAWRENCE ASSHAWE OF SHAW ESQUIRE.[1]

IN the name &c. The fourthe daye of Julye m iiiij^c^ lviij I Lawrence Asshawe of ye Shawe in ye pishe of Flixton in ye cōntie of Lancast esquire do bie these psent &c. Furst I comend my soule unto Almyghtie [God] my creature and makyng moste humble &c. I comend my bodie to cristen sepulcure w^th^in ye pishe church of Flixton afore and I will y^t^ xx^ti^ mark of my good shalbe bestowed and geven by myne executors toward ye byeng of belles to ye sayd pishe church of Flixton and makyng of a pclosse or travse of tymber ovthaward ye sayd pishe church requiryng ye pishe preist and pishenars there to praye for my soule and all y^e^

[1] No date of probate. He was a younger son of Lawrence Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill, and married Jane, daughter and heiress of John Valentyne of Shaw in the parish of Flixton. She died before her husband, and, having no issue, gave her lands to her husband, who left them to his nephew Leonard, a younger son of his brother Roger Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill. — *Harl. MSS.* 1987, fo. 2 and 5.

sowles of Elyn late ye wiff of Sir John Bouthe knyght and of Sir Hughe Hope clarke Ĩtm I geve &c. ye some of x markꝭ to ye suche byeng of ornamēttꝭ and of other necessaries for ye pishe church of Standishe as shalbe thought moste requisite and convenient by Edward Standishe esquire and my cosyne Thom̄s Ashawe by th^ꝯ^ discresions Ĩtm I will y^t^ myne executors shall dispose and aft^ꝯ^ there discresions the sume of xl^s^ among the porest of ye townes of Flixton and Urmeston and other xl^s^ among the porest of Barton Ekles and Irleh̄m Ĩtm I geve &c. xx^s^ towardꝭ ye pavyng of the highe waye in Flixton betwene ye tithe barne and ye church so that ye inhitmēts of Flixton do bryng unto ye grond as well stone and sand sufficient to make ye pam̄ent th^ꝯ^ as also to fynd a laboror to serve ye paver whiles he shalbe at ye paving y^r^of Ĩtm I bequethe ye some of v marks towardꝭ ye paving of any horse causey from ye towne of Leighe unto ye Saw^ꝯ^ Buttꝭ in Bedford if it be not pavid in my life time Ĩtm I bequethe unto my nephew Antony Ashawe tenne markꝭ Itm I bequethe to my nephew Leonard Ashaw tenne markꝭ and a feth^ꝯ^ bed a mattresse a bols^ꝯ^ a pillow ij blankettes ij kyne Ĩtm I geve &c. to George Pilkyngton sone and heire of Ric̄ Pilkington[1] tenne markꝭ Ĩtm unto Leonard Pilkington[2] broth^ꝯ^ of ye sayd George tenne markꝭ Ĩtm to Francis Pilkyngton broth^ꝯ^ to ye sayd George tenne markꝭ and to Janne Pilkyngton sis^ꝯ^ to ye sayd Leonard and Francis fyve markꝭ Ĩtm I geve &c. to John Shawe and Katherin his wiff dough^ꝯ^ to ye sayd Ric̄ Pilkyngton and to y^ꝯ^ children ye some of x^li^ to be dividid among them Ĩtm I geve &c. John Crosse Alis his wiff and y^ꝯ^ children ye som̄e of

[1] Richard Pilkington of Rivington Esq. married Alice, sister of the testator. Besides his children here mentioned he had two sons, James and John, who were then exiles for religion. James Pilkington afterwards became Bishop of Durham, and founded and endowed the Grammar School at Rivington. He gave his brother John Pilkington a stall in Durham Cathedral, and afterwards made him Archdeacon of Durham. — Strype's *Annals*, vol. i. p. 371.

[2] The future Master of St. John's, Cambridge, Rector of Whitburne and Prebendary of Durham. — Surtees' *History of Durham*, vol. i. p. lxxix.

twentie poundꝭ to be devidid among thē Itm I bequethe to John Adlington sone and heire of Hughe A. fyve markꝭ and unto Roger A. and Thomas A. yongꝯ brethren of ye sayd John A. xli betwene them Itm I geve &c. to Lawrence Ashawe and Robert A. sonēs of Wiłłm A. of Heathe Charnoke and to Jane doughtꝯ of ye sayd Wiłłm tenne markꝭ to be devidid equally among them Itm I will yt eꝯy tenñte wch I have inhabiting in Flixton shall have eꝯy of them vjs viijd apece Itm I geve &c. to Geffrey Darbyshire my servnte xls Itm I will yt eꝯy of my servantꝭ shall have as well yong as old wch shall be inhabityng wth me in my house at ye tyme of my deathe shall eꝯy of them have xls apice of my gifte and legacie oꝯ and besidꝭ such wagis wch I shall happen them to owe unto ym seꝯally Itm I geve &c. to George Lathome of Irlehm gent tenn markꝭ and to Elisabethe some tyme his wiff of [*sic*] Lathome of Mosbarrowe tenne markꝭ Itm to Wiłłm Chorley gent ffyve markꝭ Itm where as ye sayd John Grymsdiche gent dothe owe unto me ye some of fortie markꝭ I ye sayd Larance do geve unto ye same John twentie markꝭ psell yꝯof and will he shall retayne ye sayd xx markꝭ so to hyme bequethed in his handꝭ in satisfacion of this my legacie to hym geven and shall be clerly acquited for eꝯ of and for ye paymēt yꝯof and I will yt myne executors wthin as short tyme as convenyently ye cane aftꝯ my deceasse shall deliꝯ unto Sr Ric Mullinex knyght Sr John Atharton knyght Gilbard Jarrad esquire John Grymsdyche gent and Sr Nicolas Warbarton chapleyn my feoffes or the survivores of them the some of xxli to be disposed among ye pore accordyng to ye tenor and intent of a certayne writtyng made by me ye sayd Laurence and beryng date ye first daye of Julie in ye fourthe and fifte yeres of or soꝯaigne lord and ladie ye kyng and ye quene and yt my sayd feoffes shall repaye unto my sayd executors the sayd some of xxvli [*sic*] in forme specified in ye sd writtyng indentid &c. I orden &c. Edward Standishe of Standishe esquire John Grymsdiche of Grymsdiche John Mullinex

of Melling gentſ George Birom sone of Adam Birom of Salford my executors &c. And I orden and make ye right worshipfull Sir Wiłłm Ratliffe knyght and Robart Barton esquire supvisors &c. In witnes whereof &c. [No witnesses named.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ROBERT BECKE OF MANCHESTER, DRAPER.[1]

Dated the 17th of December 1556.

I Geve &c. to ye pore people vjli xiijs iiijd and ye same to be devided and bestowed apon ye pore people by my executrix and executor as ye shall thinke nedfull for ye sowle Item to my lovinge brother in lawe Ric̃ Hunt my best gowne my damaske cotte and my crosse bowe Itm to my brother in lawe Henrie Byrom my best clocke tow bowes and all and evy my arrowes Itm to my sister Elsabeth Hunt xiijs iiijd Also to my sister Mary Byrom xiijs iiijd Also to my sister Cicylie Becke xiijs iiijd Also to my sister Anne Becke xiijs iiijd And to my lovyng frend and kynsman Georg Byrch my second gowne Itm towardę ye amendyng of ye high wayes about ye towne of Manchester where myne executors shall thinke most nedfull xls Itm to ye cuñdite in ye Mrket strete at Manchester xls Itm to Wiłłm Radcliff gent my bett gardet coote Itm to Mr Massie my fath in lawe my white nagge Itm to my sone Thomas one ring wch my moth did geve me Itm to Jane my wiff [such] rings as she hath in hir keping To Thoms Birch my otter scynne cote Itm to ye chappell of Garstang towardę the biynge or makynge of a challis there xvjs viijd.

[1] No date of probate.

THE WILL OF RICHARD WILBRAHAM OF WOODHEY ESQUIRE.[1]

IN the name of Almightie God Amen The xxv^th^ daye off July 1558 I Richard Wilbrah'm of Wodhey in the countie of Chest esquire callyng to remēbranc this frayle shorte and transitory liff and consideryng ye tyme of death unctayne and to no mortall man knowen beyng at this pscnt tyme in good and pfette memory thanke be to Almightie God do make this my last will &c. First and p^r^ncipally I bequeth and comyte my sowle to Almightie God my Creature and Savior beseechyng ye blessed Virgin o^r^ Ladie Saynte Mary and all ye holie company [of] sayntc in heaven to pray unto Almightie God y^t^ it will plese hym the rather thrughe ye intercession y^t^ my soule may come and be in heaven amongest ye blessed company y^e^ and my vile and wretched bodie to be buried w^th^in ye church of Acton nere my fathers buryall and to have a marble stone layd ov^r^ me to thentent y^t^ all well disposed people lokyng y^e^on may ye rather y^e^by have occasion to pray for my sowle Also I geve &c. to ye church wardens of ye pishe church of Acton toward ye repracions of ye same church and to be prayed for xl^s^ and one canape for ye sacramēt ov^r^ ye alter to be hanged in Also y^t^ xxiiij gownes be geven that is to wite xij y^e^of to xij poore men and ye other xij to twelve poore women ye daye of my buryall to pray for my soule Also I geve &c. amongst the poore householders and others most nedie in ye pishes of Acton Wrenbury Namptwiche Bunbury and Malpas in evy of ye sayd pishes xl^s^ to be distributed

[1] No date of probate. The testator married Dorothy, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. He was Master of the Jewel House and of the Revels to Queen Mary, and in the three first years of her reign represented the county of Chester in parliament. — Ormerod, vol. iii. pp. 198, 199. See his brother's will, p. 58.

aforesayd as shortly after my deathe as conveniently may be in avoyding of any great dole of money at my buriall Also I geve &c. in like mañ amongest ye pore people in ye pishes of Wibunburie Copenhall Wistaston Ov̄ M^y^burie and Herthill to ev̄y of ye sayd pishes xx^s^ I geve &c. towardꝭ ye mariages of pore maydens ye full some of xx^ti^ pounds for y^t^ entent y^t^ ye shall receive ye same and maye the rather y^y^by come to helpe and leve in v̄tue and honestie and pray for ye soules of my fath^y^ and moth^y^ my soule and all x̄ten soules and my will is y^t^ non of ye sayd maydꝭ other then suche as be of my kyne shall have above xx^s^ apece. [He then recites a deed dated the xix of September last, by which he had conveyed to Richard Egerton of Ridley, Knt., Alen Chorleton, clerk, Richard Gravenor and Thomas Clutton, lands in Edge with the tithe corn in the parishes of Acton and Wibunburie and the patronage and vicarage of Acton, for ye use of himself during his life, and after his death to his son Thomas W. and to his heirs for ever, upon condition that] ye sayd Thom^a^s Wilbrah^a^m and his heres aforesayd do and shall yerely for ev̄ pay unto ye vicar of Acton and his successors sixe pounds thrittene shillyngs iiij^d^ at the vicorage aforesayed for and to y^t^ entent only y^t^ ye sayd Vicar and his successors for ye tyme beyng for ev̄ by thadvice of my sayd sonne and of his heires lordꝭ of ye sayd house of Wodhey and ye wardens of ye sayd church for ye tyme beyng shall give and distribute ye same quarterly amongest ye pore house holders dwellyng w^th^in ye sayd pishe of Acton, desiryng ye same pore folkes to praye for ye soules of my fath^y^ my moth^y^ my soule my wiff children brethren and sisters sowles and all x̄ten soules As also oth^y^ six pounds thritten shillings and iiij pense yerely for ev̄ to such honest prest to be appynted hereaf^t^ to praye for ye soules aforesayd at ye sayd church of Acton in o^r^ Ladie chancell And my will is y^t^ ye sayd p̄ste shall for ever teache schole and bryng upe ye children and youthe of ye sayd pishe suche as will come unto hym w^th^out any

thyng y⁹fore takyng and he and his scolers ev⁹y daye at ye breakyng upe of scole to saye De Profundis a Pat⁹ Nost⁹ and an Ave Maria for ye soules aforesayd and ev⁹y yere ye sayd prest ye xvij daye of August to say masse of requiem and his scollers dirge for my fath⁹ and mothers soules ye soules of ye others before named and all x̃ten soules Item I geve &c. all my leases &c. of Dernall and Shotwicke to myne ex̃ors for ye terme of sixe yeres y^t ye my sayd ex̃ors shall paye all my debts &c. and furth⁹ to paye yerelie to Wiłłm Danyell gent̃ my sisters sōne xiij^l vj^s viij^d and to Thom^a̅s Wilbrah^a̅m gent̃ sōne of Rauff Wilbrah^a̅m decessed xl^s towardę ye fyndyng and kepinge them to y^r lernyng at ane Inne of Cowrt To Richard Liv⁹sage my sisters sōne iij^l vj^s viij^d onlesse in ye mene tyme he be p⁹ferred to some livinge of xx markę by yere Also I geve &c. to my s⁹vantę Wiłłm Gilford and John Capper to eth⁹ of them xl^s yerely and to John Flete and Rondull Flete to eth⁹ of thē xx^s and to John Wilbrah^a̅m my uncles sōne yerely liij^s iiij^d It̃ I geve &c. to ev⁹y of my [*sic*] doughters of my sist⁹ Danyellę and of my sist⁹ Lyv⁹sage one garnishe of pewt⁹ vessells To ev⁹y one of ye yong⁹ sones of my sayd sisters ye foresayd Wiłłm Danyell and Ric̃ Liv⁹sage onely excepted xl^s apece Also I geve &c. amongest ye doughters of my nephew Ric̃ Done decessed towardę y⁹ marrage xx^li To Elisabeth Orton xl^s To Ric̃ Wilbrah^a̅ms mother of Bryndeley xiij^s iiij^d To Ric̃ Gleggs wife vj^s viij^d To Rondull Wilbrah^a̅m sone my godsone x^s To the sōnes of Rauff Betteley and Thōms Penkę my godsonnes to eth⁹ of them vj^s viij^d To Ric̃ Clutton sonne of Thōms Clutton my godsone x^s To ev⁹y of my servñnts wch late were my brothers servñntę and now dwellyng at this house of Wodhey iij^s iiij^d My will is y^t James Haneky my servñnt shalbe kep of Shotwike pke duryng his [life] and to have for his wagis xl^s by yere grass for vj kye iiij yong bests and a nage yerely he using himself to them whom by this my testamēt shall have ye lease of Shottwicke like as ane honest servñnt be put in such trust ought to do Where James Roo was

surtie unto me for Rauff Knight for paymēt of iiij^{li} I do forgeve ye same dette to ye same James Itm I geve &c. to Elisabeth Wilbrahm my base dought^{r} threscore pound^{s} toward^{s} hir mariage and if she do not mary Hughe Bromley then my will is y^{t} she shall have ov and beside^{s} ye sayd lx^{li} all such money as I payed to Willm Bromley ye fath^{r} of ye sayd Hughe in likewise toward^{s} hir mariage wch I think is xxxiiij^{li} To M^{r}garet wife of Willm Alen of Bryndeley xx^{ti} mark^{s} and also all such money as ye sayd Willm oweth unto me Itm I geve &c. to Ric Flete my ^{r}vānte xxvj^{s} viij^{d} by yere And further I geve to Dorithie my wiff my best bed wth app^{r}tennc^{s} y^{r}to belonging my better hanginges at her choyse ye half of all suche napery ware as I have ye half of all such kechine stuff and pewt^{r} vessell as I have one chayne of gold beyng in hir kepyng and by me before to her geven a ring of gold wth a turques and a ryng of gold w^{t} a diamond ye whitte silv spones wch my fath^{r} in lawe by his testamēt gave unto me also one fayre jugge of stone garnyshed wth silv and gilte Itm I geve to ye forsayd Thoms Wilbrahm my sone ye rest of all my houshould stuff and plate my chayne of gold a horne garnyshed wth silv and gilte a longe wood knyfe guilte somtyme Kynge Henrys theighte and also my fayre andirons wch my mynd and will is shall remene as heire lomes at ye house of Woodhey Also I geve &c. to my sist^{r} Whitmore a ring of gold wth letters one ye outside enamyled a broche of gold of themprors face and one of my coolt^{s} or nagg^{s} To my sist^{r} Danyell a ring of gold w^{t} an amitiste To my sist^{r} Livsage a ring of gold w^{t} a broken ribie To my sist^{r} in law M^{r}garet Wilbraham a round hope ringe of gold graven wth luken and to my cosen Thoms Danyell one new crosbowe and ye racke y^{r}of To my cosen Willm Livsage one of my gownes of silke and ane old long bowe To my cosen Rauffe Done one of my gownes of silke To my cosen John Done's sone [some] of myne apprell at the discrecion of myne executors Itm I geve to my cosen Henry Manwaring one of my younge mares or filies now beyng in Nor-

folke To Robarte Cotton my old ꝑvnnt somme younger colte or gelding To my cosen Hill my wood knyffe at ye courte and one of ye best of my geldinge To my cosen ꝑson of Stocke my casket at ye courte To evꝑy of my owne servñts in wagis there yeres wagis and some of my colte or nagges at ye discrecion of my executors Itm I geve &c. to my cosen Willm Livꝑsage and to my cosen Thom's Clutton to ethꝑ of them vjli xiijs iiijd if ye will take some paynes in ye trust I put yem in Itm I geve &c. to Alis Egarton my wiffes mayd towards her mariage liijs iiijd Itm I geve &c. to John Gravenꝑ and Anthony Gravenꝑ my wiffes brethren to ethꝑ of them one of my silke gownes Itm I make Dorithie Wilbrah'm my wiff my sistꝑ Ellisabeth Whitmore widowe my cosen Willm Livꝑsage and my cosen Thoms Clutton myne executors In witnes hereof &c. Richard Wilbrah'm Item I geve &c. to Sur Willm Cordell knyght mastꝑ of ye roles and to my ladie his wiff to ethꝑ of yem iiij angels to make to ethꝑ of them one gold ring where apon to be graven a dead man's head wth this posie about ye head — Disce mori — and my name about ye same ringe for remembrance and further I do appoynte my lovyng cosen Sr Rondull Hill to be ovꝑseer of this my ꝑsent testamēt &c.

Richard Wilbrah'm.

Itm where I have purchased to me and my heres ye vicorag of Sandebache and all ye tiethes oblacions &c. to ye vicorage belongyng together wt ye nomynacion ꝑsentacion and donacion of ye same vicorage I do acknowledge yt I bought ye same vicorage tiethes &c. to ye use of my nephew Willm Livꝑsage and payd wt ye same wth xxli of his wch of him I receved for ye same ꝑpose as I remēber I saved hym of ye sayd xxli vli In consideraciō whereof I geve &c. ye sayd vicorage of Sandbache and all ye tiethes &c. to ye sayd Willm Livꝑsage and to ye heires of his bodie lawfully begotten and for defaulte &c. I will geve &c. ye remander yꝑof to ye heires of ye bodie of Rauff Livꝑsage esquire decessed fathꝑ of ye said Willm lawfully begotten

and for defaulte &c. I will &c. ye remander yof to Thomas Wilbrahm my sone and heire apparant and to his heires and assignes for ever &c. It I will furth y^t myne executrs repaye to hym ye said some of v^li which I saved unto hime as beforesayd Rondull Treves Thomas Clutton Willm Gilford John Capper.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM THOMSON, RECTOR OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.[1]

IN the name &c. The second daye of September in the yere of o^r Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth fyftie and three and in the fyrst yere of ye raygne of o^r sovagne ladie Marie &c. I Willam Thomson clarke and pson of ye churche of Asheton und Line of gud and pfecte remēbrance but dreadyng ye unctene houre of death make my last will and testamēt as hereaft followyng ffyrst I offer my soule to Almightie God beyng in pfect hope and fully trustyng by the merytes of Christis passion to be one of the electe at the daye of judgmēt Also I will my bodie to be buried in the church of Aston in the highe chancell streghte affore ye myddest of the highe alt and I geve to ye mendyng of the same church and to the mendyng of thinges nedfull yin iij^l vj^s viij^d to be delived by my executes to the churche wardens at such tyme as the churche wardens ned and will occupie the same money and also I geve to ye mendyng of ye highe waye betwyxte Ashton and Manchest xx^s I geve to be distributed and devided amonges the pore people of

[1] On the 2nd of October 1535 William Thomson was presented to the Rectory of Ashton-under-Lyne, on the death of Edward Molyneux the last Rector, by Alexander Radclyffe and Richard Assheton knights, and Thurstan Tyldesley Esq. with the consent of Elizabeth Assheton widow. — From the Registers at Lichfield. His successor William Rogerson was instituted 11th August 1554 on the presentation (pro hâc vice) of Thomas Stanley Knt., son of Edward Earl of Derby. — Registers at Chester.

ye pishe of Ashton undꝯ line vli and it to be devided and delte in wollen or linen clothe or els money to ye pore folkꝛ only by my executꝛ I geve to ye mendynge of the highe waye betwixe Asshton and Staveley bridge xs I geve to James my brothꝯ a riall of gold for a remēbrance and a fethꝯ bed a mattres ij covletꝛ ij blankettꝛ a bolstꝯ ij payre of shetꝛ ij pillowes and a covyng of imagerie and ane othꝯ of red saye wth ye curtens bedd and bedseller wch bedde and thes thyngꝛ aforresayd lie and are in ye highe grete chamber wherein I lie my self and also my contꝯ bourd in ye haule wth a grete coffer in ye litill plore and also foure silv spones also a blake jacket of blacke clothe ye daye of buriall To my sistꝯ in law his wife a blacke gowne wth an angell of gold and to evy child yt my said brothꝯ James hathe vjs viijd To Lawrence my brothꝯ a riall of gold and a ffethꝯ bedde lyeng in ye great plore a mattresse ij covletꝛ ij blanketꝛ a bolstꝯ ij payre of shetꝛ ij pillowes a covyng of red saye wth ye courtens and hangings bedstockꝛ and bedseller of ye same and also my contꝯ board in ye great plore wth ye cubp bourd in ye sayd plore and ye best coffer in ye highe grete chamber and also iiij silv spones and a blacke jacket of fyne clothe ye daye of my buriall To my sistꝯ in law his wife a blacke gowne with an angele of gold and to evy child yt my brothꝯ Laurence hathe vjs viijd To Ric̄ Thomson my brothꝯ a riall of gold and also a fethꝯ bedd lyeng in ye litle plore a mattres a bolstꝯ ij covlettꝛ ij blanketꝛ ij payre of shetꝛ ij pillows also my covyng of lynne and wollen yorn chekket wch I bought last also ye bedstockꝛ bedsellerꝛ and hangyngs of the same bedd in ye litell plore and also my cuppbourd in ye highe grete chamber and my coffer in ye same chamber wherein I use to laye in my shetꝛ for my owne bedde and foure silv spones and also a blak jacket of fyne clothe ye daye of my buriall and to my sistꝯ his wife a blak gowne wth an angell of gold and to evy child yt my sayd brothꝯ hathe vjs viijd To my sistꝯ Genet xls and a black gowne and to my brother in law her husband

a blak jacket and a riall of gold To my sist Katherin ye wyf of Peter Standishe xxs and my litill feth bedd in ye closite a matrese ij covlete ij blanket ij payre of shete a bolst ij pillowes a covyng of red saye wth ye bedstids curtens and hangynge of ye same and also ye gretist panne yt I have but one also my best cloke but one and ij silv spones ye one of them to be ye spone wch my fath gave me and also a blak gowne of cloth ye daye of my buriall and to Peres Standishe hir husband a blak jacket wth a riall of gold To Mr Thoms Houghton a riall of gold To Mr Edmund Hopwod a riall of gold To Mres Hopwod his wife a riall of gold and ij silv spones Also I geve my uncle Henry Bastwell xxs and a blak jacket ye daye of my buriall To my cosen Adam Rigbie xxs and a blake jacket ye daye of my buriall To my cosen Ric Thomson ye sone of Laurence Thomson sexe pounde xiij shillinge iiijd a blake jacket if he be at my buriall To John Cocke my servunt xxs my best wolsted dublet and a blak jacket ye daye of my buriall and to Sethe Aspynhalgh my servnnt iiij pounds in money and a blake cowe and a blak jacket ye daye of my buriall if ye dwell wth me ye tyme of my death To Johan my srvnnt xxs and iij yearde of flaxen clothe if she dwell wth me &c. To Elisabethe Harrope xls toward hir mariage and a cowe if she dwell &c. To Annes Cutteler xxs if she dwell &c. To Willm Knyght my godson xxs to gett hym a m if he dwell &c. Also I geve Ric Coke my godson xxs and a heffer or a twenter To Sr Ellis Asshworthe an old riall of gold To evy one of my godchildren my blessing and viijs To Nicolas Leghes my proctor a riall To Henry Mland a riall of gold To Sr Peter Bower my scole m at Standishe xls and one of my jacete and a dublet To Agnes Cutteler a cow or a heffer if she dwell &c. To Ric Bastwell and Thoms Bastwell my cossins eth of them xiijs iiijd To Edmond Harrope and his wife eth of them a riall of gold To James Harrope an angell of gold Also yt is my will yt ye daye of my buryall so much white cloth be brought to make xiij white gownes

and those to be geven to xiij pore men to bryng my bodie to ye church and to praye for my soule aboute my herse ye daye of my buriall and linen clothe to make xxiiij shert^es and those to be geven to xxiiij pore folk^es to pray for my soule The residue of my good^es aft^er y^t I ame brought fourth my bequest^es geven and my dett^es payed I will shalbe devided in ij pt^es and ye one half to be devided amongest my brethren James Lawrence and Ric̃ Thomson and oth^er my pore kynsfoulk^es and ye oth^er half I will shalbe geven to ye porest people to praye fore my soule and all christen soules Also I make James Lawrence and Ric̃ Thomson my brethren my executors Also I make Thom̄s Asshton of Shepley gent̃ and Nicolas Leghes supvisors These beyng record^es Sr Edward Hepp Sr Ellis Asshworthe prest^es with others.

THE WILL OF GEORGE BOOTH OF DUNHAM ESQ.[1]

IN the name &c. The sexte daye of October ye yere of o^r Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth xxxj I George Bothe of Donnh̃m Massie in ye countie of Chest^er esquire hole in mynd and somewhat deceassed in bodie cōsideryng y^t ye lif of man is mortall and that ye houre of death is unc̃tene and much dredfull willyng y^er fore to be in a redines whē it shall please God o^r Savio^r to call

[1] No date of probate. The testator, son and heir of Sir William Booth by his first wife, Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Sir Thomas Ashton of Ashton-under-Lyne Knt., married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt., and had issue three sons, George, John, and Robert; and seven daughters — Ellen, who married in 1537 John, son and heir of John Carrington of Carrington Esq.; Anne, the wife of William Massey of Podington Esq.; Margaret, the wife of Sir William Davenport of Bramhall; Elizabeth, in 1566, married Richard Sutton of Sutton Esq.; Dorothy, the wife of Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq.; Alice the wife of Peter Daniel of Over Tabley Esq.; and Cicely who died unmarried. See her Will, p. 49. He died in 1531, aged 40 years. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402.

for me from this transitorye world orden and make my last will &c. ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almightie God to o^r Ladie Saynte Marie &c. and my bodie to be buried in Ihus chappell at Bowdon churche among myñ ancestors Also I geve &c. to ye prior of Birkenhed my best horse to praye for me in as much as y^ᵗ is a statute made y^t he can have no corse ꝑsant Also I geve &c. at Birkenhed aforesayd ten shillyngꝭ to saye a trentall of masses for my soule Also I geve &c. to ye p^ror and ye freires at Warington ten shillyngꝭ to saye a trentall of masses for my soule Itm to ye same p^ror of Warington towardꝭ ye gildyng of o^r Ladie iij^s iiij^d Also I will y^t my best gowne of velvet and my best dublet shall be made in tow vestimētꝭ and ye one of ye sayd vestemēts to be geven to ye sayd chappell of Ihus at Bowdon church and ye other vestemēt to remene in ye chappell of Dunnh"m for ev^ᵗ to thentente y^t it maye be a remēbrance to praye for my soule Also I geve &c. unto George Both my sone and heire apparant my cheine of gold and my signet of gold to thentent y^t he shall have ye same duryng all his lif and af^ᵗ his decese ye same chene and signet to remene to suche as shalbe heres to ye sayd Georg and so to continue as an heire lome to suche as shalbe heires and lordꝭ of Dunhm̄ for ev^ᵗmore I will y^t ye sayd George shall have a bord co^ᵗed wth the best bord cloth in ye hale wth my best salt and my best standyng coppe and a dosen of my best spones and all oth^ᵗ houshold stuf like as I had af^ᵗ ye decesse of my fath^ᵗ as heire lomes and furth^ᵗ ye sayd Georg shall have of my goodꝭ as shalbe semyng to my execut^rꝭ Also I geve &c. to ev^ᵗy one of my servñntꝭ wch byñ genĩmen and taken for my yomen y^ᵗ wagis in money for one hole yere af^ᵗ my decesse o^ᵗ and besidꝭ such wagis as ye shall happen to have servet for in my lif y^t ye may ꝑvid them selfes for some oth^ᵗ service Also it is my will y^t my chaplen Sr John Percivall or some oth^ᵗ discrete ꝑist shall say masse praye and do devyn service for my soule and myne ancestors and all x̃ten soules by ye space of vij yeres nexte af^ᵗ my

decese and he to have for his salarie yerely iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Also where as Rowland Bukkeley of Bewmarres esq̃re and oth^{r} surties wth hym standeth bounden to me by sev^{r}all obligacions for ye mariage of my son̄ George it is my full mynd and will y^{t} myn̄ execut^{r}ꝛ shall have ye sayd obligacions and receve ye money for them accordyng at dayes and place in ye same assigned and as ye shalbe due to be payed and wth my porcion of ye same money and my porcion of ye residue of my movable goodꝛ before not bequethed I will y^{t} myn execut^{r}ꝛ shall make all my funeralꝛ expensis and also ꝑforme my legacies and bequestꝛ and shall susten all such costꝛ &c. as ye shall fortune to susten for ye fulfylling of this my last will and where as I ye sayd Georg Bothe of grete confidence by my dede indented beryng date ye xviijth daye of Julie ye xxiij [xxviij?] yere of Kyng Henre ye viijth have infeoffed my broth^{r} in law John Massie of Podington esquire John Carryngton of Carryngton esquire Wiłłm Mayre of Meyr Richard Legh of Hegh [Legh] esquire Ric̄ Legh of Swarton gentilman and Wiłłm Plūtr̄ clarke parson of Wotton in my man̄ of Dunhm̄ Massie and in all my meass̄ landꝛ tenētꝛ rentꝛ and s̄vicꝛ in Dunhm̄ Massie Statley Bolyn Deyn Roe Stiall and Wilmeslowe in ye contie of Chester and also in all my mess landꝛ &c. in Groton Shelderslowe and Quicke in ye contie of Yorke and in Birmingh'm w^{t}in ye contie of Warwike as by the same dede indented whereunto my will concernyng my sayd man̄ meass̄ landꝛ and ten̄tꝛ is annexed more plenly dothe apper̄ It is also my will y^{t} my execut^{r}ꝛ w^{t} my porcion of ye same som̄es of money to me owyng by ye s^{d} Rolland and w^{t} ye residue of my sayd goodꝛ shall susten all such costꝛ as my sayd feoffes shall susten for eny thyng cōc^{r}nyng my sayd feoffamēt and save harmeless ev^{r}y of my sayd feoffees for the same Also furth^{r} it is my will y^{t} my sayd execut^{r}ꝛ with my porcion of ye sayd som̄es of money &c. [as before] shall cōtent and paye all such som̄es of money as it shall fortune me ye sayd Georg̃ Bothe to be indetted to any ꝑson at ye tyme of

my deceasse if my sayd movable goodꝭ and somes of money &c. so far will extend and if ye will not extend yꝯunto then I will yt so much as yꝯof shall lacke shalbe taken of thissues rents and ꝑfittꝭ of my sayd manor messꝫ &c. compr̃sed in my sayd feoffemēt excepte yt all such somes of money wch I shalbe endetted at ye tyme of my descease to my sayd brothꝯ John Massie or to my cosyn John Sutton for ye mariagꝭ of my doghtors Anne and Elisabꝯ shalbe payed and taken of the issues &c. of my sayd manꝯ measꝫ &c. cōpr̃sed in ye sayd feoffamēt, and also excepte xxti marks of money to be payed of thissues and ꝑfitts of my sayd landꝭ in Jesus chappell wtin xl dayes next aftꝯ my decese of [*sic*] Jane now wif of Lawrenc̃ Bothe accordyng as appereth by my will annexed to my sayd ded endentite also I bequeth toward ye makyng of ye side ile of ye church of Bowdon at such tyme as it shalbe taken down fyve markꝭ of money also I will yt eꝯy of myn executrꝭ yt ye shall truly see for ye ꝑformacion of this my last will and for yꝯ payn̄ yꝯin to be taken shall have xls also it is my will yt myn executrꝭ shall have ye ward and charge of Anne Arderon doughtor and heire of John Arderon decessed and also yt ye sayd executrꝭ shall have all such tackes and leases wch I have of my brodꝯ Andrew of his landꝭ in Sundꝯland as of all othꝯ ꝑsons in all other places and all such ꝑfettꝭ wch shuld com̃ of ye same to me towardꝭ thexhibicion and bryngyng upe of my younger doughtrꝭ also I will yt Elisabꝯ my wif shall have all ye porcion and ꝑte of my sayd movable goodꝭ cattels and dettꝭ as shall stand and accordꝭ wt ye law of this realme I desir and pry and also orden and make ye sayd Elisabꝯ my welbeloved wif Ric̃ Legh of Hegh Leghe Ric̃ Leghe of Sworton gent̃ and Wilhm Plūtr̃ clarke to be myñ executorꝭ also I desyr and praye ye right worshipfull Mr Dane John Sharp pror of Birkenhed to be oꝯseer of ye same to whom I bequethe fore a token a ring of gold The residue of all othꝯ my goodꝭ detts cattells &c. if any shall remene I geve &c. to my executrꝭ towardꝭ

ye bryngyng̃ upe of my yonger childreñ and furth^p to be disposed in dedꝯ of almes and charitie for ye helpe of my soule as shalbe thought convenyent by my sayd execut^rꝯ In witnes whereof I ye sayd Georg Bothe in this my p̃sent testamēt &c. have set my seale &c. the daye and yere above wretten.

THE WILL OF THURSTAN TYLDISLEY OF WARDLEY ESQUIRE.[1]

IN the name &c. I Thurstan Tyldisley of Wordly in the countie of Lanc̃ esquire do make my will and testamēt the first day of September in ye first yere of ye raigne of o^r sov̄aigne lord King

[1] No date of probate. He married first Percival, daughter of Geoffrey Shakerley of Shakerley Esq., by whom he had, besides other children, Alice, wife of Sir Robert Worsley of Boothes Knt., and Thomas,who married Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead, marriage settlement dated 26th October 10 Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Tildesley (grandson of the above Thomas) of Gray's Inn, Attorney General for the County Palatine of Lancaster and one of the learned Council of the North, married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Norres of Orford near Warrington. He died in 1635, leaving one son, Richard, who survived him four years, and two daughters eventually coheiresses by the death of their brother without issue, Elizabeth, wife of Edmund Breeres of Preston, barrister at law, and Anne, who married first Thomas Southworth of Samlesbury Esq., and secondly Adam Mort of Preston.—*Suffield MSS.*, and *Dodsworth's MSS.* vol. liii. p. 15. The testator married secondly Jane, daughter of Ralph Langton, Baron of Newton, by whom he had three daughters, Mary wife of Ralph Standish of Standish, Anne, wife of Richard Massey of Rixton, Dorothy, wife of Richard Breerton of Worsley, and one son, Edward, who, marrying Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Leyland of Morleys Esq., was the founder of a family devotedly attached to the ill-fated race of Stuarts. Sir Thomas Tildesley of Morleys, Major General to the brave Earl of Derby, was killed in Wigan Lane 25th August 1651. His great-grandson Edward Tildesley joined the Pretender's cause at Lancashire in 1715, for which he was tried at London and acquitted. His son James Tildesley took part with Prince Charles Edward in 1745, and there is a tradition in the neighbourhood of Astley that he in consequence lost his estate. This can hardly be correct, as he did not sell Morleys until 1755, and was in possession of Holcroft

Edward ye sixt in man̄ and forme ensuyng ffirst I bequeth my soule unto Almightie God my bodie to be buryed in Eccles Church if I die w^th^in ye countie of Lanc̄ at ye hedd wheras Charles Davenport lieth and I will y^t^ a chapell of my gudꝭ and chatteles and of thissues and ꝑfittꝭ of my said farmes of Myrescoche Sawerbie Gosenarghe and Pulton shalbe made whereas ye bodies of me and the said Charlis shall remene when ye king o^r^ sov̄aigne lord or any oth^ꝰ^ shall bulde the chancill of ye said church of Eccles if in my lif tyme I do not make ye said chappell Also I will y^t^ Jane nowe my wif shall have duryng hir lif ye lodge in Myerscoghe to dwell in duryng hir pleasure if myne interest y^ꝰ^in endure so long wth all man̄ of my implements of houshold y^ꝰ^ at this daye remenyng and ioestemētꝭ of xvj kyne and y^ꝰ^ calfes yerely y^ꝰ^ and ioiestment for iiij horses y^ꝰ^ yerely and ye crope of iiij acres of haie ground such as she will chuse and ye goyng and ioestment of so many swyne as she will kepe y^ꝰ^ without anything yelding or painge y^ꝰ^fore and further I geve &c. to hir ye third ꝑte of all ye residue of all my beddinge hangingꝭ cont̄poyntꝭ and shetꝭ and all oth^ꝰ^ my implemētꝭ of houshold ꝭ at Wordley or els where remenyng my plate excepted And I desire hir to leve at ye leaste half of so much stufe as I shall geve hir or ye value y^ꝰ^of aft^ꝰ^ her decease to Edward Tuldisley my sone and heire if he ov̄ live hir And I geve to hir my standinge coppe of silv̄ wth ye cov̄ my best salte wth ye cov̄ and my white pece of silv̄ and xiij of my best silv̄ spones wth the litill clocke acrudall wth all my chapell stuf at Myrescoghe wth a like desire y^t^ she shall leave ye half or ye value of ye half to Edward Tildisley And I bequeth to my said wif all my titill y^t^ I have in ye tithes of Layrbreeke Litill Ecclisten ye Wale Bethum Hall and Grenall and I desire my said wif to leave ye whole titill y^ꝰ^of to my

Hall at the time of his death, as appears from his will, dated 8th February 1765, and proved at Chester 23rd April 1768. See *Lancashire Memoirs of the Rebellion in* 1715, p. 221, and the *Jacobite Trials at Manchester in* 1694, p. lxiv.

said sone Edward aft^{o} hir deithe Also I geve &c. to my sone Thom̄s Tildesley all my chapell stuf at Wordley a goblit of silv̄ wth a cov̄ about wth scripture for ane heire lome one dosin of new spones all my formes bordꝛ coffars bed stockes and also such ꝑte of my bedding and ye residue of my said implemētꝛ of houshold stuf remenyng at Wordly And it is my will y^{t} my said sone Thom̄s aft^{o} his death leve such goodꝛ or ye value y^{o}of as he shall hapen to have by force of this my will to him y^{t} shall be his heire and so to remene from heres to heres so long as it shall please God and y^{t} my heire shalbe of habilitie and power to leave such goodꝛ in forme abovesaid And further I geve &c. to my said sone Thom̄s all my intrest I have in ye shepe heys of Pilkington and all ye tithe of Tildisley aft^{o} my wiffꝛ death or aft^{o} y^{t} she shall not dwell at Wordley and so long as she dwellith at Wordley I geve &c. to her my titill I have in ye same tithe of Tildisley and I will y^{t} my ꝯvunte Wiłłm Worsley shall have of thissues and ꝑfittꝛ of my farme of Bolton yerely duryng his lif xl^{s} if myne intrest indure solong I bequeth to ye said Wiłłm Worsley y^{t} he shall have ye tenemēt in Swinton called Barnes tenemēt and also ye tenemēt in Hawghton y^{t} Wm Orphar dwellith in imediately aftar ye decease of ye said Wiłłm Orphar paying to me and my heires ye old accostomed rent and to me and my heires for ye fyne of ye said Wiłłm Orphar's tenement xl^{s} and to ye execut^{r}ꝛ of ye said Wiłłm Orphar liij^{s} iiij^{d} in iij yeres for a new house y^{t} ye said Wiłłm did buyld y^{o}apon I will y^{t} ye said Wiłłm Worsley shall have both ye said tenemētꝛ for terme of his lif he doyng such sarvice as other tē̃nts do and aft^{o} his death I will y^{t} his wif shall have ye said ij tenemētꝛ during hir lif and so long as she kepith hir widow and is of onest cōv̄sation of hir bodie and I will y^{t} my ꝯv̄nt Myles Seddon shall have yerely duryng his lif off thissues and ꝑfitts of my said farmes of Meyrescoghe Sauarbie Gosenarghe and Pulton xxvj^{s} viij^{d} besidꝛ such yerely ꝑfittꝛ as he ye said Myles shall receve by force of a lease to hym made by my

cosin Andrew Barton and me of ye tithe of Litill Leyver in Bolton pishe wch I thinke is clerely and yerely worth to him xl^s^ and I will y^t^ Thom̄s Gelibrond have yerely duryng his lif of thissues of my farme of Mayrescogh &c. xxvj^s^ viij^d^ for such ꝑvice as he hath done to me, and the said Thom̄s shuld have had more yerely tynn [?] but y^t^ I thinke y^t^ he had more yerely ꝑfite elsewhere and ꝑtly by me and for my sake Also I will y^t^ xx^li^ be taken by my execut^r^ꝗ of the issues &c. of my farmes of Myrescogh &c. to be distributed among oth^r^ my ꝑv^a^nts not havyng non̄ oth^r^ thing by force of this will and he y^t^ hath deꝑvid most to have most by y^r^ discrecions Also I will y^t^ Wiłłm Walton and Rondull Bordman shall have such ꝑvicis officis and romes as ye have usid to have of me ye doyng y^r^ duties and sarvicis as ye used to do for me and as I trust ye will do for me Also I bequeth to ev^r^y of my execut^r^ꝗ and supvisors liij^s^ iiij^d^ and my desire is y^t^ y^r^ shalbe no discord among my executors about my gudꝗ but y^t^ ye will conferme them to quietnes and to be ordred by ye supvisors if such contravarsie shuld so happen for I wold rath^r^ wishe y^t^ my gudꝗ were brent and consumyde wth fire or any such contravꝑcie shuld continue amongꝗ them aboute my gudꝗ or about ye playne understanding of this my will and forsomuch as cvj^li^ xvij^s^ iiij^d^ was behind and unpayd unto Ric̄ Breerton my sone in law ye daye of ye deathe of my soninlaw ov^r^ and besidꝗ xx^li^ to be payd unto hym duryng his father's lif I will y^t^ xx^li^ yerely shall [be] levied of my said farmes of Myrescoghe &c. untill cc m^r^ks shall [be] levied unto Dorithie dought^r^ of me ye said Thurstane[1] Parre shall my lif tyme do not marie ye said Dorathie wch Ric̄ Breerton died ye xxiij daye of August last past Also I will y^t^ my cosin Thurstan Parre shall have yerely during his lif xx^s^ also I will y^t^ my cosin George Tildisley theld^r^ shall have yerely duryng his lif xx^s^ Also I bequeth y^t^ [? to] my cosen Robt Worslei ye young^r^ ye some of x m^r^ks and notwithstanding y^t^ my sone in lawe Sr Robt Worsle knight is m^r^ried

[1] This incomplete sentence is copied verbatim from the Bishop's Register.

to M^{r}gerit Bethum his wif yet levyng yet I remyt and p̄don to him vij^{li} x^{s} apon condicion y^{t} he geve yerly unto my dought^{r} Alis his wif v^{li} or more for hir exhibicion duryng hir absens from him or apon condicion y^{t} he take his said wif into his company and intreat hir as he ought to do And furth^{r} in dischardg of my cōsience I will y^{t} my execut^{r}ꝛ shall take [from] thissues of my said farmes of Meyrescogh &c. ye some of xxiij^{li} and ye same to [be] bestowed apon hieghewayes and oth^{r} dedꝛ of charitie for ye soule of John Garnet deceased of whose gudꝛ I have as much as ye same doth amount unto and more Also I bequeth towardꝛ ye byulding of ye church of Eccles if it be not bylt in my lif and a rode seller made ye some of ten m^{r}ks And whereas my son in law Rauf Standishe esquire deceasid I do think y^{t} by ye lawes of ye realme y^{t} my dought^{r} Marie who he exposid [espoused] ought to be myn̄ystr̄ of his gudꝛ and forsomuch as c̄tene of his plate remenȳg in ye custodie of my cosin Edward Standish his broth^{r} amoūtīg to ye value of xx m^{r}ks and ye timb^{r} and brike at Standishe belonging to hir yet my desire is y^{t} she shall not cleym any p̄te y^{r} of and furth^{r} I will y^{t} he shall have ye gilt goblet wth ye cov̄ and forsomuch as I do verily thinke y^{t} y^{r} was nev̄ carnall knoledge betwene ye said Rauf and my said doughter Marie as well by y^{r} tend^{r} yeres and y^{t} ye nev̄ laye togeth^{r} and y^{t} I do think y^{t} ye said Edward and she myght be lawfully m^{r}yed togeth^{r} by ye lawes of God wherein I have askid coūsill gret lernid men who thinke ye same y^{r}fore I geve my gudwill of ye said m^{r}yage if ye said Edward and Marie can be agreable to ye same when he and hir be of thage of xix yeres or xxth ould for I wold rath^{r} wishe y^{t} she shuld be married to him y^{en} to any oth^{r} Also I bequeth to my son in law Ric̄ Massie esquire a gilt goblit wthout a cov̄ Also I bequeth to George Entwisill who hath m^{r}yed my wiffꝛ dought^{r} my litill goblit of silv̄ Also I will y^{t} my execut^{r}ꝛ [receive] ye residue of ye p̄fittꝛ of my said farme of Pulton and pay ye said clere yerely value to Hugh

Tildisley George T. Gilbart T. Thom̄s T. and James T. sones unto my sone Thom̄s T. for vij yeres after my decease and equally devid ye same amongest them I geve &c. to my said son Thom̄s T. and to my cosen Thurstan T. his sone my whole interest in my said farme of Pulton and I will y^t^ my broth^ꝯ^ Sr Ric̄ T. shall have yerely aft^ꝯ^ my decese an anuytie of iiij m^ꝯ^k^ꝛ^ duryng his lif of ye issues and ꝑfitt^ꝛ^ of my said farmes of Merescoghe &c. in recōpence of his anuytie or lands geven to him for terme of his lif for ye said Sr Ric̄ was a muncke at ye Chart^ꝯ^ house at Shine And where I have made an estate of land^ꝛ^ unto Jane now my wif of my cheif place of Wordley wth all my demene except ye Foxholes and the tenn̄te of Gilis Moreton and [a] c̄tene anuyttie of xxix^s^ goyng fourth of my said land^ꝛ^ unto Jane now my said wif wch anuytie wth my chefe house w^t^ all my demene land^ꝛ^ was of old rent but xij^li^ and now it is worth xxv^li^ and because I wold ye said Jane buried wth me where I die if she ov̄ live me y^ꝯ^fore I made cheif house wth as much of my demene land^ꝛ^ as I can to hir for terme of hir lif w^th^out impechment of wast and if she kepe house at Wordley aft^ꝯ^ my deith yen it is my mind y^t^ as many of Thom̄s Tildisleyes children as be under ye age of xij yeres old y^t^ my said wif shall bord them for xxvj^s^ viij^d^ apece and himself and his wif for v m^ꝯ^k^ꝛ^ apece and as many of his servñt^ꝛ^ as he will have for xl^s^ apece and when any of his children shalbe of thage of xij yeres then to paie xl^s^ apece alwayes ꝑvided y^t^ ye said Jane my wif shall have ye libertie to chuse whether she will bord them or any of them ȳ or no and if so be y^t^ ye said Jane bord them then it is my mynd and desire y^t^ ye said Thom̄s T. shall set ye said Foxholes and ye tenemēt of Giles for xxix^s^ in ye yere And where I have made an astate of land^ꝛ^ to Edward T. my son of ye tenn̄te of Ric̄ Dañeport James Money and Adam Mather about ye value of x m^ꝯ^k^ꝛ^ it is my will y^t^ ye said Edward shall take ye rents y^r^of and suffer thē to do such ꝯvice unto ye said Thom̄s Tildesley as ye have byn

accustomyd to do to me and y^t^ he shall not put them furth of y^r^ holdinge Also it is my will y^t^ Wiłłm Shak^e^ley shall have an añuyte of foure m^e^ke by me heretofore geven to him for terme of his lif Also it is my will y^t^ my said son Thoms T. and his heres shall have all ye residue of all my lande tenemēts rente revsions and svicis beyng of myn inheritaunce &c. according to my old evydence for ev And where I have byn a grait mediller of a long space y^t^ is to saie by ye space of xxxj yeres and more under my lord and m^r^ Edward erle of Derbie my lord his fath^e^ and my ladie his moth^e^ whose soules God pdon and bene [1]receved [*sic*] of ye lande for ye most pte by ye same space wherefore in declaracion of ye truth I take it apon my death and consciens and as I will answere before God y^t^ wittyngly in all y^t^ space y^e^ is nothing comen unto my hande or possessōn of ye lande rente fynes or engresions reward or oth^e^ thinge but such as I have truly paid for and put in my boke of accompte w^th^oute fraude or coven and w^th^oute corrupt consciens or advantage to my self to my knoledge I geve &c. unto my sone Edward T. my whole interest &c. in Myrescoghe Soubie Gosenghe Pulton my farmes of ye tithe of Fesshewicke wth ye keping [of] Myrescoghe and Blesedale and ye offis of M^r^ forest of Amounderns and fees belonging to evy on of the during all my terme and interest in the Also it is my will y^t^ my said sunes Thomas T. and Edward T. shall not take any ingression and fynes &c. but only y^r^ rent of my tenente in Tildesley Asley and Wordley but suffer the to inioye y^r^ fermehoulde duryng y^r^ liffes doyng such svices as ye have usid to do to me and also it is my will y^t^ my said son Thom's shall not take any ingression &c. of any of my tenente in Swinton Haughton Westwoode and Westlake M^e^land Salforth Lever Bolton Kellermaugh but suffer them to inioye y^r^ said farmes holde duryng y^r^ lives And I make my welbelovid wif Jane T. and my son Edward T. myn executors and harteley beseeche ye righte honerable Edward erle of Darbie S^r^

[1] Receiver.

Wiłłm Paget lord Paget Sr Wiłłm Longley pson [of] Pstwch Sr Ric̃ Johns pson of Waryngton Sr Edmond Molineux knight Sr Ric̃ Garrard pson of Bangor and Laurence Asshall to be supvisors and I desire my welbeloved svañts Wm Warton Mylis Seddon Rondull a Bordman and my welbelovid frend Thom̃s Gillibrond shall instruck my said executrꝭ in my bookꝭ of rekenyngꝭ and in all othꝯ thingꝭ yt maye touch ye true execuciō of my will Also I bequeth to Jane Massie xls and to Anne Massie xiijli vjs viijd and to Mꝯgeret Tildisley xli towardꝭ yr mariagꝭ And forsomuch as I dout Sr Peres Lighe knight will move myne executꝭ to make him assigmēt or lease of my farme of Winwicke I will yt ye shall nevꝯ mak to him any assigmēt or lease of my said farm but kepe it to thē selves according to ye will of Gouthꝯ Leghe esquire Also it is my will yt if my son Thom̃s T. truble my said wif but [do not] suffꝯ hir peassablie to injoye ye landꝭ yt I have geven to hir yt thē ye said Thomas T. shall forfayt all my lands yt I purchased and suffꝯ Thurstan T. my cosin to entꝯ apon ye same so yt ye said Thurstan mak non astate of ye said Thom̃s T. but will hould ye said landꝭ for his owne use and if he ye said Thurstan make any astate or suffer ye said Thom̃s T. to have ye said landꝭ I will yt ye said Edward Tildisley shall have ye said landꝭ to him and to his heires for evꝯ And where I have geven &c. heretofore in this my present unto my doughtꝯ Dorathie Breerton cc mꝯks it is my will furthꝯ yt my said doughtꝯ Dorathie shall have yerely aftꝯ ye decesse of Jane my wif viijli unto such tyme as ye said Dorithie have some livyng of greter yerely value In witnes thereof &c. Witneses Sr John Atherton knight Robert Worsley Laurence Asshawe Georg Tyldisley Thurstan Parre Thom̃s Bryddocke wth others Md that ye xxiiij day of June in ye sixte yere of ye reigne of our sovaigne lord Edward the sixte Thurstan Tildesley esquire acknowledgith this to be his true testamēt and last will before these witneses here after followyng Sr John Atherton knight Robart Worsley Laurence

Asshawe Georg Tyldisley Thurstan Parre Thoms Bryddocke wth others.

A trwe inventorie of all the goodes &c. at Wordley latelie appteyinge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquyer made the iiij daie of Julie anno Marie regine prmo and praysed by Edmunde Slade Charles Hoope Robert Edge and Willm Richardson ffirste in drawghte oxen xvj le prce le yocke iijli — xxiiijli — one bull xiijs iiijd — in kyne xvij prce le cowe xvijs xiijli xijs In kepinge sheepe C xx iij v le shepe xvjd xijli vjs viijd — in fatte shepe xxx le shepe ijs iiijd — iiijli xxd In lambes xx iij xij le lambe xijd iijli xijs In tithe lambes xx iij ij le lambe xijd iijli ijs In workhorses xj le horse xiijs iiijd vijli vjs viijd In calffes xvij le calf iijs iiijd lvjs viijd One rydinge geldinge called Stoweser liijs iiijd — ij rydinge mares iiijli — xvj hoggę vs iiijli — xij sowes xlviijs — viij booers xxxvjs viijd In spenings xiij xiijs In wull xlvj stoone vs xjli xs Beddinge In fether beddis xxj le peece xiijs xd xiiijli xjs In mattressis xiiij le peece vs vjd ob iijli xvijs viijd In bolsterris xl le peece iijs iiijd vjli xiijs iiijd In pillowes coved with fustian xvj le peece xxd xxvjs viijd In other pillowes xxv le peece ixd xviijs ixd In fustian blanckettę iiij le peece vs xd xxiijs iiijd In wollen blanckettę lxxij le peece xxd vjli In fledge blanckettę ix le peece xijd ixs In quiltę iij le peece ijs xd viijs vjd In covlettę lviij le peece iiijs iiijd ob xijli xiiijs ijd ob In counterpentę for beddę of tapstree worke v le peece xvijs iiijd iiijli vjs viijd In covyngę of reede seye and greene iiij le peece iiijs ijd xvjs viijd — viij cases of canves fylled wth straw le peece xijd viijs In the litle chamber one seller and tester of reede and greene seye wth curtens of the same xiijs iiijd Soomuche greene seye as dooth hange the same chamber xiijs iiijd One standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde xxvjs viijd — one cupborde wth a covynge of greene sey xijd — a seller and tester of reede and greene seye wth curtens of the same in the grete chamber xxs a hoole hanginge in the same chamber of reede and greene seye

liij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedde wth a trowkle bed in the same chamber xxvjs viij^{d} — one cuppebord covered wth blwe xij^{d} — a seller and tester of reede and greene sey in the chamber o$\overset{\text{n}}{\text{v}}$ the hall wth curtens of the same xvj^{s} — a hoole hanginge of reede and greene sey wthin the same chamber xl^{s} — a standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde in the same chamber xx^{s} — a rounde cupborde wth a co$\overset{\text{n}}{\text{v}}$ynge tapstre work and a folden bord in the same chamber xiij^{s} — one seller and tester in the chamber o$\overset{\text{n}}{\text{v}}$ the deyhowse of reede and greene sey wth curtens of the same x^{s} — hanginge for the same chamber of reed sey xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedde wth a trowkle bedde xx^{s} — a cuppebord wth a co$\overset{\text{n}}{\text{v}}$ynge of seye vj^{d} — a seller and tester of reede and greene sey in the wrighte chamber wth curtens of the same vj^{s} viij^{d} — one seller and tester painted work in the same chamber wth hanginge for the chamber of the same v^{s} — a cuppebord wth a co$\overset{\text{n}}{\text{v}}$ynge tapstre worke in the same chamber iiij^{d} — a carven chiste for sheete in the same chamber x^{s} — iij paire of beddestocke in the same chamber v^{s} — a seller and tester painted worke in the corner chamber wth curtens reede and greene sey iiij^{s} — hanginge for the same chamber painted work iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde v^{s} — one cuppebord iiij^{d} — in the chamber o$\overset{\text{n}}{\text{v}}$ the buttrie one seller and tester of painted work wth curtens reede and greene sey iij^{s} iiij^{d} — a hoole hanginge for the same chamber of reede and greene seye x^{s} — ij pair of beddestocke in the same chamber ij^{s} — a cupbord wth a co$\overset{\text{n}}{\text{v}}$ynge tapstre worke iiij^{d} — a seller and tester in the olde chamber of painted worke wth curtens of lynnyn cloothe iij^{s} — ij chiste bounden wth yrne in the same chamber xv^{s} ij paire of beedestocke in the same chamber ij^{s} — a seller and tester of dorneck in the chapell chamber wth curtens of the same iij^{s} iiij^{d} — hanginge for the same chamber of reede and greene sey xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij paire of bedde stocks in the same chamber ij^{s} — a cuppebord wth a coveringe tapstree work xij^{d} — in the under pler a seller and tester reed and greene seye wth

curtens of the same xvj^{s} — peell of the same chamber hanged wth painted clothes xx^{d} — iij paire of beddestockę in the same chamber iiij^{s} — a large chist bounden wth yrne in the same chamber v^{s} — a cupbord in the same chamber ij^{d} — the carvers chamber ij sellers wth testers painted worke ij^{s} — in the same chamber iiij paire of bedstocks iiij^{s} — one cuppebord wth a covinge tapstre work iiij^{d} — in the inn carvers chamber one seller wth ij testers painted work xij^{d} — in the same chamber iij pair of bedstockę iij^{s} — in the yate howse chamber one seller and tester painted worke xx^{d} — in the same chamber ij pair of bedstocks ij^{s} — in the Charlis chamber one seller and tester of greene sey wth curtens blwe and reede iij^{s} viij^{d} — in the same chamber ij pair of beddestocks ij^{s} — in the meydins chamber one paire of beddestockę and a tester lynnyn cloothe xviij^{d} — in George Tyldisleys chamber a seller painted work and a pair of beddestockę xviij^{d} — in the garn chamber ij sellers and testers painted ij^{s} — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestockę ij^{s} — in the chamber in the stable ende one seller and tester painted work viij^{d} — in the same chamber one pair of beddestockę xij^{d} — in the chamber ov the stable ij paire of bedstockę ij^{s} — in the cookes chamber and the brwers ij pair of beddestockę ij^{s} — xiiij quissions v^{s} The svantę laborers beddinge vj covlettę le preece ij^{s} xij^{s} — in blanckettę vj le peece xij^{d} vj^{s} — one bolsterre xij^{d} — viij shetis vj^{s} viij^{d} Thingę in the buttrie and pantrie xvj barells x^{d} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij hogyshedd ij^{s} — xxiiij brasse chandillers le peece xij^{d} xxiiij^{s} — vj drinckinge cannes of wod xij^{d} — iij lycqre pottes of stoone xviij^{d} — ij smale stoone pottę iiij^{d} — one candilsticke at the goinge uppe into the chamber ov the hall and another at the kichyn doore viij^{d} — one basson and ewer iij^{s} — one voyder xx^{d} — one pantrie knyve ij^{d} — three doosen of trenchers of wod iij^{d} — ij pewter basson xvj^{d} — Plate one goblet wth a cov apointed for an heyreloome xix ounces and D at iiij^{s} viij^{d} iiij^{li} xj^{s} — one other litle white goblet wthoute a cover viij ounces at iiij^{s} viij^{d} xxxvij^{s} iiij^{d} — one standinge cuppe

wthoute a cov̄ xiiij ounces at iiij^{s} viij^{d} iij^{li} v^{s} iiij^{d} — ij gilte goblettꝭ wth a cov̄ lviij ounces at v^{s} xiiij^{li} x^{s} — one gilte salte wth a cov̄ xij ounces and a D at v^{s} iij^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d} — one other white salte wthoute a cov̄ ix ounces at iiij^{s} viij^{d} xlij^{s} — one other new square salte gilte wth a cov̄ xv ounces and D at v^{s} iij^{li} xvij^{s} vj^{d} — one drinckinge stoone potte wth a cov̄ of sylver gilte and garnished xx^{s} — xiij sylver spones wth the image of God apon one of them and the imagꝭ of xij apostells apon the others xxiiij ounces at iiij^{s} viij^{d} v^{li} xij^{s} — xij other spones xxij ounces and D at vj^{s} vj^{li} xv^{s} — xij other spones xv ounces at iiij^{s} viij^{d} iij^{li} x^{s} — one white peece viij ounces and D at iiij^{s} viij^{d} xxxix^{s} viij^{d} Thingꝭ in the hall and the ꝑler a hanginge ov̄ the benche in the hall of reede and greene sey wth a covynge of reede sey for the benche vj^{s} A brasen candilsticke wth three lightꝭ in the hall ij^{s} — a candill chiste iij^{s} — ij longe syttebordes one shortebord and iij formes ij^{s} viij^{d} — in the ꝑler ij carpettꝭ tapstree work viij^{s} viij^{d}—a curten in the ꝑler wyndowe of reede and greene seye ij^{s}— ij cuppeberd covyngꝭ whereof the one tapstre worke and the other reede and greene seye vj^{s} — one longe bord one cuppebord one folden bord and iij formes ix^{s} — xij cheris iiij^{s} Thingꝭ in the kechyn and the larder vij brasse pottꝭ vj^{s} viij^{d} xlvj^{s} viij^{d} — one caldroone of brasse xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij smale pannys ij^{s} viij^{d} — ij chafinge dishis ij^{s} — a morter and a pestell v^{s} — one chawser [or chawfer] for water ij^{s} — ij frienge pannes xx^{d}; v spittꝭ x^{s} — ij pair of yrne galberts v^{s} — one brendirne vj^{s} viij^{d} — ij cressettꝭ and ij grydirnes iiij^{s} — iiij paire of tongꝭ and ij breede graters xx^{d} — ij yrnes for the oven mouthe and a firefork ix^{d} — a dressinge knyfe ij backinge knyves ij mynsinge knyves and three other smale knyves xiij^{d} — one skymm̄ one brasyn ladill one fleshe axe and one flesshook xvj^{d} — xix broode pewter dishis xxv^{s} iiij^{d} — xviij narroo dishis xij^{s} — xij soosers and vj potingers vij^{s} — iij saltinge tubbꝭ ij leedꝭ ij stoundꝭ one water tubbe and one almere xxxj^{s} viij^{d} Thingꝭ in the brwehowse and backhowse one greete ark xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one lesser

arck and one botinge arck vij^{s} — ij hodgyshedde for verge ij^{s} — one stoone morter and a pair of mustard stones xij^{d} — ij decions and a modinge bord xvj^{d} — vij salte tubbis ij^{s} iiij^{d} — one masshinge keyre v^{s} — one guylinge keyre v^{s} — one colebathe iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one grete leede xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij grete stonnde and ij essions v^{s} iiij^{d} — Thinge in the stoorehowse ij leades for soope vj^{s} viij^{d} — xvj yardes of white kerssey xxj^{s} iiij^{d} — Thinge in the deyhowse and wasshing howse ij greete pannes of brasse xl^{s} — one lesser panne and a prigge panne iij^{s} x^{d} — ij brendrethis ij^{s} — v milke trowghs and v essions xx^{d} — ij milke pales and sex pigane v^{d} — one charne one turnell and one stond xvj^{d} — iiij chessevate and vj mugge x^{d} — a gredle to bake apon and a spitle xiiij^{d} — ij keyris and one stonnd ij^{s} ij^{d} — one maslen panne xij^{d} — Thinge in my marstris closet xlij broade dishis iiij^{li} iiij^{s} — xxx naroo dishis xl^{s} — xix soosers iiij^{s} vij^{d} — vj potingers ij^{s} — xij plates iij^{s} — one quarte potte and ij candilstick of pewter xij^{d} — one chiste bounden wth yrne ij^{s} viij^{d} — one bassen and ewer iij^{s} iiij^{d} — Thinge in the chapell — one chalishe wth a patente xx^{s} — one vestement one albe and one ames vj^{s} viij^{d} — one massebooke and one manuell iij^{s} — ij bellis one cruet one table ij alt clothes ij curtens for the end of the alters one clocke xxxvj^{s} viij^{d} — too wax candilstick ij^{s} — Naperie and shete ij diaper bordclothes xx^{s} — x flaxen bordclothes xxxvj^{s} viij^{d} — xv rounde bordclothes xx^{s} — xxiiij diaper napkins xxiiij^{s} — xxxviij flaxen napkyns xix^{s} — sex large cuppebord clothes fringed x^{s} — iiij naroo cuppebord clothes iiij^{s} — iij diap towells x^{s} — ix flaxen towells ix^{s} — iij armige [?] towells v^{s} — xix paire of broode flaxen shete xv^{li} — xlj paire of naro flaxen shete xiij^{li} — xxxv pair of canves shete lv^{s} — xxxv pillowe coveringe xxxv^{s} — Thinge in the kylne and the garn ij wyndooshete ij^{s} — xij sacke vj^{s} — one heare ij^{s} — one hulpe ij^{d} — sex siffe vj^{d} — Implemente for husbandrye ij corne weins ij mucke weins ij torve weins xj^{s} iiij^{d} — sex paire of whelis whereof ij pair shodde xxix^{s} iiij^{d} — vj harowes x^{s} — sex

plowes wth foure paire of yrnes viij^{s} iiij^{d}—vij yrne teemis viij^{s} — iij pair of clevis xviij^{d}—viij yookę iiij^{s}—ij muckecarts iiij^{s}—one cloose carte vj^{s} viij^{d} — viij pair of treys iiij^{s} — vj coolers iij^{s} — vij packe saddillę vij^{s} — iiij marle pickę ij^{s} — one mattack xij^{d} — one ax viij^{d} — v spadę and shoes ij^{s} — iij yrne forkę ij^{s} — iiij nogers viij^{d} — one crowe of yrne xvj^{d} — iij sithis iij^{s} — viij hookę and sicklis ij^{s}— iiij torve spadę xvj^{d} — iij saighis iij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij trunckę ij^{s} — ij weyne ropis ij^{s} — ij tentę xx^{s} — Hydes and fellir unpaid for in the custodie of Xpōfer Mather vj oxe hydes xxxvj^{s} — ij kyne hydes x^{s} — xliij sheepehydę vij^{s} viij^{d} — ix calf skynnes iij^{s} Cornes unthresson at Wordley and Pilkington in the workehowse xl mettę barlie xxx^{s} — in the whete berne l mettę barlie xlj^{s} viij^{d} — in the same berne iiij hulpis rie iiij^{s} — in the ote berne xx siffę otę iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — at Pilkington l hulpę barlie xlj^{s} viij^{d} Cornes growinge at Wordley and Pilkington at the saides placę xxxvij acres otę xxiiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — viij acres barlie viij^{li} — iij acres whete at Wordley iiij^{li} — one acre and Ð rye at Pilkington xxx^{s} — Frenche whete iij roode land x^{s} — Dettę wch were owinge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier Wm Singleton for cornes growinge in hervest anno[1] quarto r. rę Eṽi vij^{li} viij^{s} — Thurstan Tyldisley of Radcliff xj^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d} — Sr John Atherton xviij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — George Kirkbie iiij^{li} — weste in Pilkington l^{s} — weste in Myrescoghe xj^{li} — Master Hollande of Clifton v^{li} — George Halghe x^{li} — owinge for weste in Wordley xix^{s} iiij^{d} — owinge by my lorde of Derbye C$^{xx}_{iij}$xix^{li} ix^{d} — Sir Thomas Standley knight xiiij^{li} — my Lorde for portage paide to the receyver of Lancashir for ij yeris iiij^{li} — behynde for rente due at mydsom$^{\overline{r}}$ last besydę anuytes grauntede by the saide Thurstan T. to Thomas T. Edward T. and Wm Shakerley xx^{li} xvj^{s} ij^{d} oƀ — behynd for turbarie in Wordley and Tyldisley xxvij^{s} v^{d} oƀ — Dettę owinge by Thurstan T. esquier first to Elizabethe Leighe in thaccomplishement of the will of Gowther Leighe decessed xx^{li} — to

[1] 4 Edward VI.

Thomas Leyland esquier as aperethe by three severall obligacõns C^{li} — to Katheren Monne as apereth by the dette booke of the saide Thurstan xvj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — to John Traves for blanckę xxiij^{li} xij^{s} iij^{d} — to George Traves ut sup̃ xx^{li} xjx^{s} — to George Pendilton ut sup̃ vj^{li} x^{s} — to Nicholas Shawcrosse ut sup̃ viij^{li} iij^{d} — to George Kirkbie xxvj^{s} viij^{d} — to my Lorde wch hathe beene rec^{d} for the creacion of his yerldoome for ij yeeris $\frac{xx^{li}}{iiij}$ — for rente of Burscoghe behynd xxj^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — to my lord wch the saide Thurstan geve hym by a bill of his handę xvij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}.

A true inventorie of all the goodes and cattells remeyninge at Myrescoghe and latelie pteyninge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier made the iiijth of Julie anno Marie Regine primo &c.

In draughte oxen x le peece xxxviij^{s} xix^{li} — ij bulles xviij^{s} xxxvj^{s} — xviij kyne xviij^{s} xvij^{li} ij^{s} — in stalfedde oxen xlvj^{s} viij^{d} iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — oxen putte to feede at Sancte Elyn daie xiij xxx^{s} xix^{li} x^{s} — kyne putte to feede at the same tyme xj xx^{s} xj^{li} — iiij milke heyfers xvj^{s} iij^{li} iiij^{s} — too oxe thrynters xx^{s} xl^{s} — viij twynters xiij^{s} iiij^{d} v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — xxiiij stirks vj^{s} viij^{d} viij^{li} — v steers xxx^{s} vij^{li} x^{s} — xxj calfę iij^{li} x^{s} — ij workehorses iij^{s} iiij^{d} vj^{s} viij^{d} — one rydinge geldinge called Worsley liij^{s} iiij^{d} — one feele of iij yers age xx^{s} — one feelie ij yers age xij^{s} — one yerninge xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one other yerninge and one nagge xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} — Beddinge in fetherbeddę x xv^{s} vj^{d} vij^{li} xvij^{s} — in matressis vij vj^{s} xlij^{s} — in bolsterrę xjx iij^{s} lvij^{s} — in pillowes xiiij xv^{d} xvij^{s} vj^{d} — in blanckettę xxxix ij^{s} iiij^{d} iiij^{li} xj^{s} — covlettę xxxj iij^{s} iiij^{d} v^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one counterpointe tapstre work vj^{s} viij^{d} — ij covyngę reede seye vj^{s} — one coveringe greene sey iij^{s} iiij^{d} — in the chamber beyond the chapell chamb^{r} one seller wth a tester painted worke wth curtens lynnyn cloothe iiij^{s} — in the same chamber one cuppebord wth a covinge blue cloothe ij^{d} — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestockę ij^{s} — in the chapell chamber one seller and tester ye seller blue and greene sey and the tester painted work xij^{d}

— hangings for the same chamber painted work xij^{d} — a cuppebord in the same chamber wth a covinge tapstre work iiij^{d} — ij paire of beddestockꝭ in the same chamber ij^{s} — in the greete chamber ov̄ the halle one seller wth a tester and curtens for the same of reede and grene sey vj^{s} viij^{d} — hangingꝭ for the same chamber of reede and grene cloothe ij^{s} viij^{d} — a cuppebord wth a covynge reede sey in the same chamber iiij^{d} — one chiste in my M^{r} his clooset iij^{s} viij^{d} — iij pair of beddestockꝭ in the same chamb^{r} iiij^{s} — in the entrie at the goinge into the greete chamb^{r} ij greete chistꝭ x^{s} — there remeynethe in the garn̄ ij newe standinge beddꝭ ij trowkle beddꝭ carved xl^{s} — in the chamber ov̄ the kechyn one seller painted work and one cupborde viij^{d} — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestockꝭ xx^{d} — in the same chamber ov̄ the larder one seller and tester wth curtens of dorneck vj^{d} — one cuppebord wth ij pair of beddestockꝭ in the same chamber xviij^{d} — in the forther chamber in the garden one pair of beddestockꝭ xij^{d} — in the nerer chamber in the garden iiij pair of beddestockꝭ iiij^{s} — in the chamber called Mr Rigmeydens chamber ij pair of beddestockꝭ ij^{s} — in the workesvuntꝭ chamber jx paire of beddestockꝭ vj^{s} — in the chamber ov̄ the brwehowse ij paire of bedstockꝭ xvj^{d} — iiij quissions iiij^{s} — viij cheris ij^{s} viij^{d} — one longe bord in the chamber ov̄ the hall x^{d} — Thingꝭ in the hall hangingꝭ for the hall painted work v^{s} iiij^{d} — one longe sytteborde one cuppebord and one forme ij^{s} — Thingꝭ in the pler hangingꝭ for the pler painted work xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — one carpette iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one longe bord one cuppebord and one forme ij^{s} — one coveringe for the same cupbord grene cloothe ij^{d} — Thingꝭ in my maistris closet xx broode platers xxx^{s} — xij disshis of a lesser sorte xij^{s} — in naroo disshis vj iiij^{s} — in broode dishis graven iiij iiij^{s} viij^{d} — in naroo dishis graven xij x^{s} — in soosers graven xij iiij^{s} — iiij other soosers xx^{d} — iiij potingers ij^{s} — Thingꝭ in the chapell a chalishe wth a patente xx^{s} — one vestement iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one albe xx^{d} — one ames and one stooale iiij^{d} — one massebooke vj^{d} — ij tapers and ij torchis ꝑtelie brent one saincte Johns hedde

xvj^{d} — one altercloothe iiij^{d} — one brasen bucket a pax a cruet a grete bell and a lesser bell and one gyrdle ij^{s} viij^{d} — Plate jx olde sylver spones ij^{s} viij^{d} xxj^{s} — Thingꝭ in the buttrie xij alestonndes x^{d} x^{s} — vj barellꝭ for beere viij^{d} iiij^{s} — viij brasse candilsickꝭ iiij^{s} — one basson and ewer xx^{d} — one voyder xvj^{d} — one canne of wod j^{d} — one lyverie potte ij^{d} — one shavinge basson vj^{d} — one glasse ij^{d} — Thingꝭ in the larder iiij saltinge tubbis x^{s} — ij barellꝭ for vergꝭ [verjuice] xij^{d} — ij barells for salte xij^{d} — Thingꝭ in the kechyn iiij brasse pottes iiij^{d} xvj^{d} — one caldroone vj^{s} — one grete panne vj^{s} — three prigge pannes ij^{s} — one chafynge dishe viij^{d} — one morter wth a pestell iij^{s} iiij^{d} — one freynge panne vj^{d} — one cresset xij^{d} — one flesshooke ij^{d} — one paire of choppinge knyves iiij^{d} — one spytte ij^{d} — on fleshe ax iiij^{d} — iij pair of tongꝭ viij^{d} — one brendyrne wth ij barres of yrne vj^{s} viij^{d} — one paire of galbyrnes iij^{s} — one fyrefork ij^{d} — one ession ij^{d} — ij grydirnes viij^{d} — iiij broade pewter dishis ij^{s} viij^{d} — iiij naroo dishis xvj^{d} — vij soosers xiiij^{d} — Thingꝭ in the brwhowse ij brwinge leedꝭ xx^{s} — too brwinge keyris x^{s} — one bootinge knappe iiij^{d} — ij decions viij^{d} — one ession and a collack iiij^{d} — one candill ark viij^{d} — one backstoone and one spetill vj^{d} — Thingꝭ in the deyhowse ij brasse pannes viij^{d} — one prigge panne iiij^{d} — ij essions and iiij galandꝭ x^{d} — ij milke trowghis iij bassons iiij chessevatꝭ ij butter trowghis xiij^{d} — iiij piggins iiij^{d} — one stonnd one charne and one saltinge ession xiiij^{d} — one brendrethe xij^{d} — iiij butt^{r} pottꝭ one piggan ij yerthen pottꝭ and one seighe vij^{d} ob̄ — Naperie and shetꝭ iiij paire of flaxen shetꝭ of iij breedꝭ x^{s} xl^{s} — xvij paire of flaxen shetꝭ iiij^{li} x^{s} — xxvj paire of canvas shetꝭ iij^{li} jx^{s} iiij^{d} — xviij pillowe beers jx^{s} — iiij flaxen bordclothes vj^{s} viij^{d} — vij round bordclothes vij^{s} — xxv bord napkins vj^{s} viij^{d} — iij flaxen towellꝭ iij^{s} — ij large cupbord clothes fringed viij^{s} — three other cuppeberde clothes flaxen iij^{s} — one paire of lynnyn curtens iij^{s} iiij^{d} — Implemētꝭ for husbandrie ij corneweyns ij mucke weyns ij torvewenis one tumbrell cowpe xiiij^{s} — iij plowes and iiij paire of yrnes vij^{s} viij^{d} — vj teemys and ij pair of

clevis vij^{s} — vj yokꝭ and ij . . . . . of yrne ij^{s} iiij^{d} — iij paire of whelis xiij^{s} iiij^{d} — iiij harowes vj^{s} viij^{d} — iij sithis iij sicklis and one hooke iij^{s} — iiij spadꝭ and one shoole xij^{d} — one cuttinge ax iij nogerꝭ and one chissell xvj^{d} — one hoomer and one paire of pynserꝭ iiij^{d} — one torvespade ij^{d} — vj pair of tightꝭ and ij weneroopꝭ iij^{s} iiij^{d} — ij packe saddillꝭ ij^{s} — ij yrne muckeforkꝭ one muckehoke and ij pitche forkꝭ xvj^{d} — ij yrne wedgꝭ and one framing saye xx^{d} — Thingꝭ in the kylne and garñ iij grete arckꝭ viij^{s} xxiiij^{s} — ij wyndooshetꝭ xij^{d} — xj seckꝭ vj^{s} viij^{d} — vj siffis vj^{d} one heare ij^{s} viij^{d} — Swyne vij hoggꝭ iiij^{s} xxviij^{s} — ij sowes viij^{s} — one boore iiij^{s} — xiiij spennigꝭ xvj^{d} xviij^{s} viij^{d} — Cornes of Myrescoghe and in other placꝭ behynde Ribbill — in otes sawen at Mirescoghe xiiij acres xiij^{s} iiij^{d} ix^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} — ij acres of barlie xx^{s} xl^{s} — otꝭ unsold in Sawerbie berne xxvj siffꝭ iiij^{s} v^{li} iiij^{s} — xij mettꝭ of barlie in the same berne xj^{d} xj^{s} — the cornes of Pulton solde and unsolde $\frac{xx}{iiij}$^{li} ix^{s} viij^{d} — xix stoone of wull wthin the same ꝑishe iiij^{s} viij^{d} iiij^{li} viij^{s} viij^{d} — the cornes of Fyshewicke viij^{li} ix^{s} iiij^{d} — the cornes of Hale and Bethum vij^{li} iiij^{d} — Behynde for the tithe cornes of Shinglehall late in the occupacion of Antonie Leyton lij^{s} vj^{d} — Behynd for wull and lambe in Gosenargh ꝑishe xlvij^{s} j^{d} — the cornes of Litle Eccleston doe amount to v^{li} xvj^{s} x^{d} — the cornes of Esbrecke doe amount to xj^{li} ix^{s} v^{d}.

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TESTAMENTUM GEORGII WIMISLEY IN LEGIBUS BACC.[1]

Þbatū corā Maḡro Joħe Hanson &c. xxvj Februarii mccccclx°
[1560–1.]

IN the name of the Father and of the Sone and of the Holye Goste three ꝑsons and one God Amen The xxv^tye^ day off Januarye in the yeare off owre Lord God secundum computacionem Ecclesie Anglicane a thowsand fyve hundrethe and three score and in the thryd yeare off the reygne off Queene Elyzabethe I George Wymysley bachelor off the law being off good and ꝑfect remēbrāce (God be preysed) but sumwhat ponished wth his gentyl rodde off correction by sicknes qui dat intellectū that knowing the comon fawlt off all mākynd quod cōstitutū est omnibus mori the day howre tyme and place unto us most uncerteyne and therffore admonyshed by owre Saviowr Christe vigilare and to be in a redines calling also to remēbrance the message doñe by the ꝑffet off God and browght to good Kynge Ezechyas — Dispone domui tue quia morieris — being a passenger in thys stormye and mutable world by the space off eyght and ffyftye yeares at this ꝑsent doe make my testamēt and last wyll as hereafter ensuethe ffyrst and principal I comend and be-

[1] George Wylmysley or Wilmslow or Savage, illegitimate son of George Savage, Rector of Davenham, was brother of John Wilmslow Archdeacon of Middlesex, and half brother of Bonner the Bishop of London. He was appointed Chancellor of Chester in the time of Henry VIII., and, though a priest, he married. During the reign of Edward VI. he conformed to the changes then introduced. In 1555 he condemned to the flames George Marsh the Martyr, a native of Dean. At the accession of Queen Elizabeth, by complying with the altered state of things, he retained his office of Chancellor and other emoluments, and dying in February 1560–1, finished his disreputable career avowing in his last will his adherence to the Church of Rome. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 527; Strype's *Mem.* vol. iii. part i. p. 173; *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. i. p. 23.

quethe my sowle to the handes off almightye God desyringe the blessed Virgin Marye mother off owr Lord Jesus Christ withe all the whole celestial companye to prey ffor me that I may be one off the elect and chosen to heare that most blessed and joyfful voyse Venite benedicti patris mei throwghe the merites off Christes passion my Saviowr and Redemer And that I by the assistannce off Goddes grace do not hearafter and especiallye at the howre off my deathe do not swarve ffrom the unitye off the ffeythe off his katholicke and apostolicall churche wch now I doe beleve in my hert and ꝑfesse w^t^ my mowthe by these ꝑsentꝭ my bodye to be buried in christian buryall at the discrecion off myne executrix w^t^ also the moderate charges off my ffuneralle And that there showld no stryeff nor variance aryse betwixt my children or anye other ffor my goodes wch to the world wold be slanderous that the were evyll gotten seing that hitherto I have to my power traded and brought up my childrē in virtue and learning to my great costes and charges and intend by Goddes grace so to doe during my lyffe wherewithe the owght off righte to be cōtented and accept that ffor there portion off gooddes althoughe I lefft none other thinges to theme as I trust I wyll ffor the ffatherlye love the showld beare unto me And under the peyne off ingratitude and the losse off those thinges wiche I shall hearafter bequethe them whosoever off them is abowte to vexe moleste or troble myne executrix or otherwyse to alter or enfringe this my last wyll Therffore conserning my goodes I wyll bequethe and leave all and singuler the same w^t^ dettes catalles howshold stuffe and all other that is myne at the tyme off my deathe saving soche as I wyll bequethe heareaffter to my deare beloved wyffe Elleyn she to have and enjoy all this same during her naturall lyffe to the meyntenāse off her poore howse and ffynding off her comen childrē to learning as ffar ffowrthe as her power wyll extend and to the ꝑffarmēt off her dowghter Jones mariage iff she be not holpē by me in my liffe tyme the remeāder off all suche goodes affter the decesse off my seyd wyffe

to suche owr comē childrē equalle to be devided amongest them wch at that tyme are not ꝑfferred to anye lyving or ꝓmotion spirituall or temporall saving alwayes that suche legacyes as I appoynt especiallye hereafter shall come in no devision but the partyes whome I assigne affter the desesse off my seyd wyffe to have there severall bequestes and legasies wch are these To my eldest sone Thomas syxe off my best sylver spoones and syxe other off the meaner sort wth a salt and cover off sylver and a sylver pease ij ffether beddes ij matarasses or quilke beddes wth the bolsters blankettes therto appteyning and my second best covering w^t^ ffowr peyre off sheetes two standing beddes w^t^ there sylinges and the second best carpet ffor the table w^t^ all the hengginges in the howse or chambers except those wch hereaffter I wyll despose sixe platters off the older sort and sixe off the newer sixe sawserrs the best basson and ewer wth the best pott and the best panne three broches and a peyr off cobbertes wth the leade in the ffowrnes and suche iron bowne weynes as he shall ffynd at the howse affter his mothers desease wth all the ffuell wood or tymber there then remeyning Also I bequethe to the seyd Thomas the tearme off the yeares that I have in the Regestership off the Dioses off Chester unexpired w^t^ all my state and interest therin and the patent theroff grantyd to me and my assignes by the late Reverēd ffather in God Jhon Bishopp off Chester and confyrmed by the Deane and Chapter off the cathedrall churche off Chester as be the same hit wyll appeare whome I make myne assiginnge ffor that office desyring also his mother ffor because he is the eldest and shall keape howse at her deathe to remember him w^t^ other howshold stuffe iff he be to her kynde and a loving sunne Item I bequethe to my sunne George sixe other off my best sylver spoones having the letter G grave uppon them w^t^ my stāding cuppe off sylver duble gylded w^t^ one ffetherbed matterasse bolster blākettes and thrid best covering w^t^ ij peare off fflaxen sheetes w^t^ the thrid best carpet The wch George I geave also and bequethe one advowson that I have off the ꝑsonage off Warton in Ches-

shire and also the ffyrst advowson off the next vacation off the ꝑsonage off Westekyrkbye in Wyrrall ffor his ꝑffermēt to be delyvered to the seyd George immediatlye affter the deathe off his mother or beffore iff anye off theme chance to be vacāt and he so ꝑfferred I onerate his cōsciens to deale yearlye vj^{s} viij^{d} to poore ffolkes to pray especiallye ffor my solle his mothers and all others that I was bowden to prey ffor Item I bequethe and geave to my darling and best beloved off all his breether as another Josephe my sone Edmond[1] a gylted spoone one ffetherbed and a quylt bed w^{t} bolster and blankett^{ꝯ} two peyre off the ffynest sheetes the best and largest covering w^{t} the best carpet ffor the table and my best table clothe off dyapur w^{t} a rynge off gold that was his uncles and godffatheres signet having these letters J V gravē in hit to prey ffor his soole and myne And ffurthermore not mistrusting but that my seyd sone Edmund wyll serve God endevowr vertue and be a learned mā and off the spirituaitye I have ordeyned and ꝑpared ffor him ij advowsons wch I geave and bequethe unto hym that is the advowson off the ꝑsonage off Astburye being de claro a hundrethe m^{ꝯ}k^{ꝯ} by the yeare and the advowson off the archedecōrye off Chester wch is ffyfftye powndes by the yeare and Goddes blessing and myne that he lykewyse in whome God hathe powred his gyfftes abundātlye conversus aliquādo poterit aliquādo cōfirmare fratres suos wch being yongest sone oñe [*sic*] yet I leave him as a parēt to thē all and especiallye to his godson and cosin Jhon Savage that having these levinges he doe bring him up vertuusle and godlye and keape him to learning and to deale yearlye ffor my soole and his mothers and all others that I was bownde to prey ffor to the poore tenne shillinges To the wch Edmond and George I bequethe all my bookes off the law equalle to be devided betwixt thē saving that I wyll Edmond have the cowrse off Barthall hollye

[1] 1572, June 7. Edmund Wilmesley M.A., nominated Rector of Tattenhall by Ellen, widow of George Wilmesley, late Chancellor, by the resignation of Ralph Wilmesley.— *Chester Registry.*

to his owne ꝑper use Also I desyer and intyerlye requier my seyd wyff to keape my base sone Thomas to scoole till he be a priest iff he wyll be ruled by her or els in discharge off my cōscience wch I am assured she wyll not suffer to be in danger iff he wyll depart ffrō her and be a prētise to geave him a ffetherbed w^t all thinges belonginge to a bedd and xiij^li vj^s viij^d in monye to be levitt off all my goodes ffor I receaved x^li off his mother ffor his use desiring and requiring my welbeloved sone George Baker to take him to him or els to gett him a honest m^r and to see his litle stocke sett ffourthe and applied to his best use but he may reseave the samme affter his prētiship is expired to the wch George Baker I geave and bequethe my signet off gold having these letters G and W gravē to keepe the same ffor a remēbrance off me and to pray ffor my soole I bequethe to the seyd George also one double ducket off gold ffurthermore my wyll is that iff my base sone Thomas be or wyll be priest that then when the beniffyse off Tattnall is voyde whosoever hathe at that tyme my lease off the ffarme off the seyd ꝑsonage off Tattnall shall ꝑsent hym therto and iff in my wyffe tyme she keape hym to learning that he be preest and come to anye ꝑffermēt that then the legacye off xiij^li vj^s viij^d beffore mēcioned to be voyde and he to have a gowne and other apparell w^t the bed beffore mencioned w^t one great sylver spoone and likewise iff I in my lyfe tyme doe sett fforthe the [said] Thomas w^t a stocke to the valew off xiij^li vj^s viij^d then this legacye to be voyde saving his bedd and the sylver spoone Item I bequethe to my dawghter Jone a ffether bed matterasse and all other thinges therto belonging w^t two peare off sheetes two sylver spoones w^t other thinges that I leave her mother to provyde ffor ꝑfarmēt off her mariage iff she wyll be honestlye ruled and gyded by her Also I geave and bequethe to Jhon Astbroke and Mold his wyff and to ether off theme one old angell ffurthermore that my seyd wyff may the better ꝑfforme these thinges beffore mencioned I geave wyll and bequethe to her all and singuler my estate tearme and interest that I

have in ffarmes off the ꝑsonage off Castelston and the vicariche theroff wt all and synguler the revenewes issues and ꝑfettes arising and coming theroff wch I let nowe to my brother Thomas he paying me therfore yearlye discharging all charges ixli xs de claro and all the munimētꝭ and wrytinges to the same belonginge to have hold and enjoy the ꝑmisses wt the appurtnāses to her the seyd Elleyn induring the seyd interest or tearme off yeares iff she so longe doe lyve and iff she dye wt in the seyd tearme or tearmes then I wyll the remāder off the tearme and tearmes off yeares unexpired off the ffarmes off the ꝑsonage and vicarage of Castilton wt all my estate tytle and interest in the same to my eldest sone Thomas uppō condicion that he the seyd Thomas his executors and assignes do ffynd sufficientlye his innocēt brother Jhon during his naturall lyffe wt meate drinke and clothe and to cherishe him remēbring that he is his brother uppō my blessing and as he wyll avoyde the indignation off Almightye God and iff my sone Thomas refuse this to doe to his brother Jhon then I wyll this legacye to be voyde ffrom that tyme fforward and to revert and occurre to other off hys breethrē that wyll ffynd there brother Jhon as beffore is mencioned desyring all my chyldrē uppon Goddes behalff and my blessing to tender and not neglect there innocent brother ffurthermore I geave and bequethe to my seyd wyff Elleyn my interest tytel and tearme off yeares that I have by lease off and in the ꝑsonage off Tattnall wt all the comodityes and ꝑfettes arising and growing theroff discharging all charges yff she so longe doe lyve the remeander off the tearme and tearmes off yeares affter her dissease wt all my estate tytle and interest to the same together wt the lease off the seyd ffarme to my eldest sone Thomas and his assignes ffurthermore where I have mayd annuetye off xx m9kꝭ yearlye granted to me and my assignes fforthe off the archediacōrye off Chester by Mr Robert Persivall incūbent off the same during his naturall lyffe and incūbencye to be payd at towe usall tearmes off the yeare as by his writinges theroff cōffect hit may and wyll appeare

Item I geve wyll and bequethe the seyd annuety off xx^{tie} m^{9}k℘ affter my decease to my fforseyd wyffe Elleyn to the meytenāse off hyr seyd charges during her naturall lyffe whome I make and appoynt my assigne off the reseaving off the seyd annuetye at the tearmes therin appoynted and affter her desease the seyd annuetye off xx^{tie} m^{9}k℘ I wyll geave and bequethe to my sonnes George and Edmond joyntlye whome I make and appoynt my assignes ffor that purpose to receave the ꝑfettes theroff iff the seyd George and Edmond be then lyving or not ꝑmoted at that tyme to anye spirituall or temporall living off the sume of xx^{li} and in case anye off them two other be dead or else ꝑmoted as beffore is seyd then I wyll and bequethe his part so dead or ꝑmoted to my sone Thomas Savage other wyse called Thomas Hope ffor becawse he was borne there whome I appoynt myne assigne ffor the cleame off the moytye off the seyd annewetye and iff hyt chance bothe George and Edmond to dye or els to be ꝑmoted as beffore is mensioned during the seyd annewetye off xx^{tie} m^{9}k℘ dew to me and my assignes then I wyll bequethe and assigne the seyd annewytye off xx^{tie} m^{9}k℘ joyntlye to be reseaved by my seyd sone Thomas Savage alias Hope and Jhon Savage my nephew sone off my brother Jhon Savage late Archdeacon off Chester the wch Jhon I geave also and bequethe a ffetherbed wth all thinges therunto belonging to make it a cōplete bed ffinallye my mynd and wyll is that iff anye off my sayde children be deade beffore he reseave any legacyes to him by me bequethed then I wyll his part or portion to be devided amongest my other children equallye wch have at that tyme no ꝑmotions or els to the poorest off them at the descretion mynd and pleasure off my most dearest and worshipffull m^{r} and ffrend Sir Philipp Egerton knight saving and ꝑvided alweys that iff my eldest sone Thomas chance to dye beffore he reseave and enjoye the [*sic*] off the regestershyp off the dioces off Chester or the ffarmes off the ꝑsonage and vicorage off Castelton and off the ꝑsonage off Tattnall then the seyd office and ffarmes I assigne and appoynt by this my

last wyll and testament to his brother George yff he then be living to have and enjoy the same accordinglye to all inttentes wth the cōdicion to ffynd hys brothir Jhon as is beffore seyd and iff the seyd George be not then lyvinge then I bequethe the same to my sone Edmond and in deffault off hym to my sone Thomas [Savage] alias Hope and lastlye ffor lacke off them to Jhon Astbroke and Mode his wyffe wth all my state tytel and interest scriptes and wrytinges therunto belonging wth the condicion assigned to them all to ffynd the poore innocent my sone Jhon Also I geave and bequethe to Thomas Hall iff he then be in my servyse at the tyme off my departyng xx^{s} and to everye off my servāt men and wemen xx^{d} a pece and to my cheffe servant that waytes uppon me v^{s} over and besyde his quarters wages that he is entred in Item I geave and bequethe to my trustye ffrend Mr Doctor Wall my best jacket that I have at that tyme ffor a remembrance and to Syr Robert Damold ꝑsone off Handlaye one old angell and to Syr Richard Dod yff he serve the cure off Tattnall at the tyme off my departing vj^{s} viij^{d} and ffor the ꝑformance off this my last wyll and testament I constitute ordeyne and nominate my deare and welbeloved wyff Elleyn my sole and onelye executrix theroff to whome as by the lawes ffor manye and sondrye consideracions I remitt and disburden hyr ffor making anye invētorye off my goodes dettes and cattals also off making anye accownse theroff to the ordenarye not to the intent therbye any ꝑsone ꝑshuld be deffrawded and therffore iff I dye and be buried in anye plase wherby the ecclesiasticall lawes and statutes off this realme I am bownden to pey my mortuarye then I wyll ffor my seyd mortuarye to be payd x^{s} to whome hit is dew and I wyll to the seyd ordenarye that ꝑvoes this my wyll x^{s} ffor becase in my tyme I have gotten by lyke offyse my lyving also to the regester ffor the wryting and his ffeese other x^{s} ffinallye I desyre my right worshipffull mayster and ffrend Syr Philipp Egerton knight whome in my lyffe tyme I have so moche loved and trusted off this my last wyll and testament to be the over-

seer and a patron and eyder to my wyffe that she susteyne no wronge wch ffor the assured love that he lykewyse did beare to me I am serteyne he wyll so doe and ffor becawse that I never hard yet he deseaved anye ꝑson that did put his trust in him to whome ffor a remēbrāce I lave a dowble ducket and one angelet to my good ladye hys wyff ffurthermore I require all my fforseyd children as the are bownden by Goddes cōmandmēt and naturallye to be kynd loving obedient helping and eyding there mother as the wyll avoyde Goddes displeasure and the infamye off the worlde and thus doing I leve and bequethe them Goddes blessing and myne pease and quietnes and increase off the world wch God off his mere goodnes doe cōffyrme to whome be honowr and glorye world w^th^owte [end] Amen And ffor the trewe acknoleging that this is my last wyll devised off me off my owne volunt w^th^owte allewrmēt envegling or ꝑcuremēt off anye ꝑson or ꝑsons I doe subscribe my owne hand wch is well knowen wth my name to the same wth Jesus Marya at the beginning and sealing the same wth my signet having the letters G and W graven in hit Also my mynd and wyll is that mayster Jhon Cheetam shall have and enjoy peasablye the excersise off the office off the regestership off Chester wth all cōmodityes therunto belonginge ffor the residow off the yeares that shall chanse affter my desease to be unexpired accordinge to the bargeyne betwixte us towe made and ffurthermore one hole yeare affter my gyfft discharging the offyce and paying ffor that yeare to him that shall be regester then vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^.

In Dei noĩe Amen Wheare the mynd off man and especiallye the sicknes is oblivius to put all thinges in ꝑffect state wherffore I George Wymisley off Tattnall in the cowntye off Chester fforgetting to incert certeyne thinges in my testamēt beffore made therffor I the seyd George the xvj day off ffebruarye in the thrid yeare off owre sovereygne ladye Queene Elyzabethe do make thys ꝑsent codicell wch I wyll to be part and ꝑcell off my last wyll and testament Videlt that

where there is granted to me the seyd George by the late Reverend ffather in God Jhon Byrd then Bishopp off Chester under his great seale and confyrmed by the Deane and Chapiter under there comon seale as hit may appeare by patent off regestershipp off Chester wth a searteyne annewetye and ffye off iiij^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ to me the seyd George and myne assignes ffor tearme off yeares in the seyd patent mencioned I the seyd George affter my desease make and nominate my welbeloved wyffe Elyn myne assignes ffor reseaving off the seyd annewetye or ffie off iiij^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ during the tearme conteyned in the seyd patent yff she so longe doe lyve and affter her desease I nominate constitute and ordeyne Thomas Savage the elder my sone myne assigne ffor the reseaving and enjoying off the seyd ffie off iiij^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ together wth the patent theroff conffect and made in wytnes wheroff I have subscribed my name to this codicell and sealed the same the day and yeare above mencioned in the ꝑsense off the witnesses folowyng wch have subscribed there names to the same ffurthermore my mynd and wyll is by this my ꝑsent codicell that iff any dowte ambiguetye or variense ryse betwixt my wyff and her children or betwixt my children theyre selves ffor and conserning division off goodes or anye part or ꝑsell conteyned in my wyll and testament that then the all shall stand and abyde ffullye to the determination and order off the right worshipfull mayster Sir Philipp Egerton knight to whome I geave my full power and awctoretye as muche as the law wyll suffer me therin.

Richard Dod curate de Tattnall Jhon Astbroke Thomas Payne scriptor hujus codicilli Thomas Hall.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CLARKE DEAN OF CHESTER.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen In the yeare off owre Lord God mccccc and xlj and the xiiijth day off September I syr Thom̃s Clearke deane off the cathedrall churche off Chryst w^{t}in the citye off Chester hole off mynd and sycke in bodye make my last wyll and testamẽt in fforme and maner folowing ffyrst and principallye I bequethe my sole unto Almightye God creator and maker off this world owr Ladye Seynt Marye and unto all the hollye companye off heavẽ and my bodye to be buryed beffore the highe altare w^{t}in the quire off ye seyd cathedrall churche Also I wyll and bequethe that my ffunerall costes and charges be made off my whole goodes Also I wyll and bequethe unto iiij daughters my systers chyldren and to everye one off theme towardꝭ there mariage xx^{li} Also I wyll &c. to Richard Broster my systers sone to his owne use and ffurtherãce xxx^{li} Also I wyll that my lord Bishopp off Chester Jhon Byrd have the ꝑffarment in bying my best bed wch I lye and the bed w^{t}in the second chãber wth hangings abowte the same doing thereffore as an other wyll doe Also I wyll &c. the rest off my goodes movable and unmovable wthin the syte off the cathedrall churche off Chester at the manor off Ince or other where wth plate bedding and all apperr̃nãses therto to be at the disposition off myne executors Also I wyll y^{t} my executors shall receave all my detts and therew^{t} pay my dettes and the rest to be at there disposition and ordre ffor the ꝑffett off my sowle healthe Also I bequethe to my servãtꝭ wholye whose names be herin con-

(1) No date of probate. He was the last abbot of the monastery of St. Werburgh, Chester, and at the Dissolution was appointed first dean of the newly formed cathedral. If he died soon after the making of this will, and unfortunately there is no date of the probate, he must have held the office of dean for a very brief period. The manor house at Ince was a residence of the abbots of St. Werburgh.

teined and to everye off theme iff my goodes wyll extend and amount thereunto xl^{s} a peace off theme or els ꝑporcionallye as hit wyll stretche by the discretion off my executors ffyrst to Rawff Leftwiche Wiłłm Bryne Robert Hope gentylmen Wylliam Mayhow Thomas Wryght Jhon Mason Thom̄s Parker Thom̄s Gose Wiłłm Vernā Edward Griffyght Hughe Haye Henrye Richardson Thom̄s Banyon Henry Bankes Henrye Abraham, Wiłłm Crosbye Robert ap Wiłłm Christopher Bersey Matthew Wryght Richard Banke shepard Thom̄s Jaynsoon and Robert Wylson And thus I make constitute and appoynt to execute and ꝑfforme this my last wyll and testament and all other wylles ꝑmises and fformer bequestes beinge voide Jhon Bothe gentyman Doctor Wylliam Wallen Syr Jhon Huet and Syr Thom̄s Radfford p^{r}bendaries off the cathedrall churche in Chester affore my lawfful executors to execute and ꝑfforme this my last wyll and testament according to the tenowr theroff iff my goodes wyll extend thereunto In ꝑsence and being witnesse Wylliam Goodman alderman off the Citye in Chester Robert Hope Thom̄s Wright Wiłłm Baxter Edward Griffithe Jhon Mason Elisabethe Offley Jone Broster and Alls Amerye wth others moe Written the day and yeare above specyffied.

Inventorium Thome Clarke Decani Cest. W^{t}in the Deanes chamber Imprimis a covering ij blankettꝭ a bolster ij pillowes one fether bed one woll bed a tesser off whyte say and greene wth cowrteynes off sarsenet xl^{s} A henging of arasse x^{s} a henging off greene sey over worne with iij peynted clothes vj^{s} viij^{d} one ffolding table not coloryd vj^{s} viij^{d} one other ffolding table coloryd vj^{s} viij^{d} one weyscote cubbord vj^{s} viij^{d} a presse iij^{s} iiij^{d} a looking glasse xij^{d} an olde worne carpet iij^{s} iiij^{d} ij fformes with ij bankers xij^{d} Summa iiij^{li} xxiij^{d} W^{t}in a chest w^{t}in the same chamber Imprimis ij dosen kanvas napkins iiij^{s} vj diapur napkins iij^{s} a dyapur towel conteyninge iij yeardꝭ old worne xij^{d} a soche lyke dyapur towell xij^{d} iij yeardes and a halff of calise

clothe xxj^{d} vij canvasse sheetes x^{s} one tabul clothe off canvas xvj^{d} one tabul clothe off dyapur coteyninge iiij yeardꝭ off clothe and a halffe being old worne iij^{s} a yeard off red velvet x^{s} in new cowrtens off red and grene sey wth a valense ffor the same xvj^{s} viij^{d} a tesser w^{t} iij corteynes off red and greene sey old worne vj^{s} viij^{d} ij peaces off red and greene say xxvj^{s} viij^{d} a new covering xxvjs viij^{d} ij surplesses old and over worne iij^{s} iiij^{d} Summa v^{li} xv^{s} j^{d} W^{t}in the second chāber Itē a fflocke bed one ffetherbed one covering a bolster a coverlet and a tesser xx^{s} the hangins there iii^{s} iiij^{d} in coaffurs v^{s} Summa xxviij^{s} iiij^{d} W^{t}in the chapell Imprimis a covering off verdur vj^{s} viij^{d} an other off verdur wth ij images vj^{s} viij^{d} an other off verdur wth conies and bridds vj^{s} viij^{d} an other off verdur w^{t} bryddes v^{s} an other covering w^{t} stories vj^{s} viij^{d} an other patched covering w^{t} a unicorne iij^{s} a carpet clothe off deysyes iij^{s} iij ffether beddꝭ w^{t} bolsters ffor servāts not halff stuffed w^{t} ffethers xxiiij^{s} iij small pillowes and a large pillow off dawne iiij^{s} ij woll bedds x^{s} ij mattresses v^{s} ij ffustian blanketts old worne iij^{s} iiij^{d} vij coverlettꝭ old worne xiiij^{s} ij whyte flegge blanketts vj^{s} viij^{d} a carpet ffor a cupbord xij^{d} a cownter clothe vjd ix carpet quishions old worne xij^{s} verdur quishions old worne vj^{s} a jackett off damaske xl^{s} gowne ffaced wth damaske xl^{s} a cope ffor the quire lyned wth chageable sasenet xxvj^{s} viij^{d} a cloke ffaced wth velvet xx^{s} vj gownes distributed to his kynsffolke and ffrendes ij peyre off hose and ij jackettꝭ distributed in like case x^{li} x^{s} x^{d} Wthin a blacke chest in the second chamber An old grey amesse and a rochet x^{s} a new grey amesse and a greyt surplesse iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} ij old diapur towels ij^{s} a peyr off sheetes ij^{s} viij^{d} a shurt xx^{d} an English bibel vj^{s} viij^{d} xij yeardꝭ off linen clothe iiij^{s} a pere off old sheetes xx^{d} a garnishe off new vessell xxiiij^{s} ij porredge dishes v^{s} vj pewter trenches ij^{s} iij bassens iij ewers and one charger iij^{s} a typpet of taffeta x^{s} a new capp v^{s} a new weynscote bed xl^{s} ij carpettes Englishe warke iiij^{s} Summa ix^{li} ix^{s} Plate ij ale cuppes weying xiiij unces and dimid xl^{i} vj^{s} viij^{d} a white boll wth a cover xxxviij ownces iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} an

other small whyte peace xj ownces xxxvj^{s} viij^{d} vij spoones ij off theme gylt xiij ownces and dimid xlv^{s} a chaffing dishe off sylver and ij spoones wth other broken sylver xxx unces and dimid v^{li} xx^{d} a neest of goblett, wth a cover gylt xl unces and dimid xij^{li} iij^{s} x^{d} a standinge cuppe wth a cover gylt xxviij unces and dimid v^{li} iiij^{s} ij^{d} an other standing cuppe wth a cover gylt xxv unces iiij^{li} xj^{s} viij^{d} a salt wth a cover gylt xiij unces x^{li} vij^{s} viij^{d} a small chalesse wth a cover psell gylt xiij unces xxvj^{s} x beydes sylver iij^{s} iiij^{d} vj ringes sylver and gylt base gold wth christal stones a chalesse wth a patent dowble gylt xxviij unces and dimid v^{li} iiij^{s} ij^{d} a pax sylver and gylt fful off sowder iij unces x^{s} a pax sylver and gylt vij^{s} vj^{d} Within the wyne celler It̃ a greyt pott v^{s} ij chaldrens v^{s} iij small pottes v^{s} W^{t}in the ffleshe howse It̃ a greyt pott iij^{li} a new grate off iron x^{s} ij goggins off brasse vj^{s} viij^{d} ij rackes ij broches v^{s} a gyrd iron and a ffleshe hooke xvj^{d} ij ffyre fforkes a shoe and a peare off tonges iij^{s} iiij^{d} one pulli off brasse ij^{s} ij old great laund irons v^{s} ij smal laund irons ij^{s} a plymmars hammer and a peyre off boltes xvj^{d} a long brādert and a grate v^{s} certeine leade after iiij^{s} ye C xx^{s} an hoggshed off salt iij^{s} a peare off bellowes ij^{d} a barrell [of] chalke xvj^{d} ij great coaffers vj^{s} viij^{d} a beestocke viij^{d} a dowble racke xx^{d} a ..... off wood xxvj^{s} viij^{d} xx^{tye} score off coles xxvj^{s} viij^{d} xx^{tye} lodes off good hey affter iij^{s} ye lode iij^{li} xviij lodes off hey affter xx^{d} a lode xxx^{s} a saddel bridel and harnesse v^{s} a bey gelding xxx^{s} a white gelding xiij^{s} iiij^{d} v lodes off hey affter iij^{s} iiij^{d} xvj^{s} viij^{d} corne w^{t}in ye barne off Chester Bowghton barne and the demeanes off Saghton x^{li} Contentes w^{t}in a coffer at Hughe Aldersey howse A boxe conteyning evidenses ij albes and amys broderyd x^{s} a dalmatyke off balkynd sylke x^{s} a velvet vestment red wth a crosse off gold xxvj^{s} viij^{d} a stole and a phanon xij^{d} a blew tynacle ij^{s} a vestment off whyte sarsenett vj^{s} viij^{d} a towell off dyapur ij^{s} ij rochetts ij^{s} At Ince viij score and xiiij wedders at ij^{s} a peace xv^{li} viij^{s} L hogges v^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} xj score ewes and tuppes xv^{li} v score and xij lambes at viij^{d} a peace iij^{li} xiiij^{s} viij^{d} one

mare w^{t} a colt ..... ij stagges att xxviij^{s} ij old horses one w^{t} a broken legge and an other blynd vj^{s} viij^{d} henginges there ij^{s} viij^{d} vj quishens viij^{s} one cownter vj^{s} viij^{d} one other cownter v^{s} an other ffowle stagge x^{s} an old mare and a colt xvj^{s} a presse x^{s} a cownter clothe xvj^{d} iiij bed cases vj^{s} one cow xiiij^{s} fformes and tressyls vj^{d} v candelstickes iij^{s} ffyre wood and turve xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} ij lodes off canel v^{s} lyme viij bushel ij^{s} viij^{d} old leyde xx^{d} ij pullis ij^{s} tymber theire ix^{s} ffor hey theire ij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} ffor a stonne woll v^{s} v stone lockes affter iij^{s} iiij^{d} xvj^{s} viij^{d} a mare xj^{s} a horse and a mare xxiiij^{s} iiij^{d} an other mare xiij^{s} iiij^{d} ffor xxviij stone off woll ix^{li} xvj^{d} roppe and leade being in Hughe Alderseys hand xxvj^{s} viij^{d} Other stuffe in diverse plases preysed as folowythe A cope off redd velvett xl^{s} a vestment and ij tinacles off red velvet iij^{li} broken sylver xxix unces sold to Mr Dutton v^{li} xx^{d} a iron bownd cart w^{t} new treises ij^{li} xv ..... off slates ij^{li} a gowne off russet new ffurryd w^{t} lambe and conye liij^{s} iiij^{d} serteyne ringes w^{t} greyt stones xxv^{s} in redye money at his departing lxj^{li} ij^{s}

Sperat dettes as ffolowithe dew to the seyd Syr Thom̄s Clarke at his departing lyke to be reseaved Syr Jhon Hewet clearke ffor the Easter roll off the parsonage off Seynt Oswaldes vj^{li} Henrye Richardson owethe ffor the pfetts off the churche ffor one hole yeare x^{li} xvj^{s} ij^{d} Raff Goodmā owethe ffor halff a yeares rent off the tythes off Dye mylnes l^{s} Hughe Broster and his wyffe owethe ffor the yeres rent off the tythes and pffetts off Wyrvyn vij^{li} Hughe Aldersay owythe ffor money lent xxiiij^{li} The same Hughe ffor money reseaved off Mr Manwaring x^{li} Henrye Bunberye gentylmā iiij^{li} Mr Buxce p̄bendarye iij^{li} Thomas Cottinghā off Ledsam xix^{s} ij^{d} Davye Myddelton ffor Mr Calvelye iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} Wiłłm Leghe off Yrbye xx^{s} Richard Chawntrell ffor an oxe xviij^{s} Wiłłm Ball and Margaret Wederall iij^{li} vj^{s} ij^{d} James Stonely off Seylton v^{s} Robt Huntington of the plym yerdes ix^{li} Syr Thom̄s Newton ffor an ames xl^{s} The same Syr Thom̄s

ffor money lent iij^{s} Myles Newton ffor money lent xx^{s} Raff Leftwiche by a byll off his hand x^{li} Y^{e} same Raff ffor rerages off accow̃ptes ffor his bayliwicke as appearetht by Mr Wysemans hand wryting iij^{li} iiij^{s} v^{d} The same Raff ffor money lent to Bostocke iiij^{s} iiij^{d} Robt Hope ffor his bayliwicke iiij^{s} Wiłłm Bryne ffor rerages off his bayliwicke xlvj^{s} viij^{d} Thom$^{\prime\prime}$s Wright ffor his bayliwicke x^{s} iiij^{d} ob̃ The Deane and Canons off Chester oweth ffor the charges off the erection off the seyd College Cxlj^{li} Hughe Broster and his wyffe owethe ffor xl and xij bushells off barle at xv^{d} the bs̃ iiij^{li} x^{s} The sayd Hughe and his wyff ffor xxxvj teethe lambes at x^{d} a peace xxx^{s} The same man ffor v stone off tyethe woll at v^{s} iiij^{d} the stone xxvj^{s} viij^{d} Y^{e} Deane and Canons owethe uppon accow̃pt liiij^{li} xij^{s} Dyvers other men ffor mortuaries abowte xxx^{s} Mr Wylliā Sneyde ix^{li} Mr Smyth parson off Burye x^{li} Randul Manwaring off Swanlow xxx^{li} more certeine ringes and quishions and other stuffe w^{t} redye monye xl^{s} wch money and other stuff were gyffe to his too systers and his ffrendes not preysed.

Imprimis ffor ffunerall expēses abowt the burial off the testator xl^{li} xij^{s} ij^{d} Owing to the kinges highnes and to ye deane and chanons as appearetht by a debet ffyned w^{t} Mr Wysemās hand and hanging in the alditors bookes off wch debethe part is alowed to the Deane and Canons by reason off the kinges gyfft in their detacion and ꝑtinet discharged as appereth by the awditors booke CCxxxvj^{li} Owing to the Deane and Canons ffor the whole yeares rent off the ꝑsonage off Seynt Oswaldes wiche the executors have payd and alowed to the Deane and Canons and ffor recōpence thereoff the corne and other ꝑffetts is charged in the invētorye as by the seyd inventorye wyll appeare lxxij^{li} xij^{s} vj^{d}

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS HOLT OF GRISTLEHURST, KNT.

IN the name of God Amen I Sir Thoms Holt off Gryselhurst in the cowntye off Lancaster knight beinge whole in bodye and off good and perffect remembrance thankes lawde and preyse be unto almyghtye God yet pceavinge and concideringe that death is to everye person at Goddes wyll and pleasure most comon and uncerteyn and offten tymes [men] sodenlye betaken out off this transitorye world no wyll disposition nor order off their landes goodes and cattalls or onye thinges wherewth they be charged dysposyd made or declaryd by reason whereof offten tymes great stryffe and variance dothe growe and ryse and their dutyes and dettes be not payd Thereffore I the sayd Syr Thoms Holt knyght the xij day off ffebruarye in the yeare off owr Lord God a thowsand fyve hundretht threescore and tooe and in the fowrth yeare off the reygne off owr sovereygne ladye Elyzabeth &c. ffyrst and pryncipallye wyllinge the wealth and health off my sowle and to have yt prayd ffor affter my deceasse and departure off my bodye ffrom this transitorye lyffe And secondly wyllinge and desyringe the ꝑffarment and settinge fforthe off my wyffe chyldren and others doe thereffore make and declare my testament and last wyll &c. ffirst I bequeth my soule unto almyghtye God my Creator and Redemer and trustinge in the merites off Chrystes death passion and bludshed to be one off those yt shall be savyd at the great generall day off judgement and my bodye to be buryed wheare yt shall please almyghtye God Item I geave and bequetht to the ornamentes off Burye churche iijs iiijd Item I geave unto eyght poore ffolke eꝑy off theym one gowne whyte or blacke immediatlye affter the departure off my lyffe And the sayd poore ffolke to be off the poorest off my tenanntes wthin the parishes off Burye Mydleton and Rache-

dale by my executors yff I doe not appoynt theym in my lyffe tyme and y^{t} everye off the sayd poore ffolkes to have geaven by my sayd executors everye off theym iiij^{d} I geave &c. unto ffrancis Holt my sone and heyre one damaske gowne a saten jaket wth sleeves and my cheyne off golde And also I geave unto the sayd ffrances and to soche heyres males as shall hereaffter dwell at my house off Grystelhurste or in anye other place all maner off artyllerye or harneysse as jack salett whyte harnesse w^{t} my flagge and pensyll wch hatht my armes and badge uppon accordinge as yt was appoyntyd me off the kynge off harawldes Item I geave unto the sayd ffrances Holt my tent and tent polle wth all iron ware and ropes to the sayd tent belonginge Item yt ys my full mynde that the sayd damaske gowne saten jaket cheane off gold w^{t} all kynd off harnesse as ys afforesayd shall be delyveryd unto the sayd ffrances immediatelye affter the death off me the sayd Sr Thom^{a}s Holt Item I geave &c. unto the sayd ffrances Holt one sylver salt wth a cover dowble gylte a pounse bolle pcell gylt ix sylver spoones called the apostells spoones a ffurnesse off leade wth dyverse stone trowes keyres and arkes standinge in the backehowse brewhouse and larder howse I geave &c. unto the sayd ffrances Holt all arkes keyres and sawed bowrdes wth other chyste ware and tymber y^{t} ys now or at anye tyme off my deathe shalbe in the kylne what maner off tymber so ever yt be uppon condition that Dame Dorothye my wyffe shall occupye the same durynge all her lyffe and y^{t} affter the decesse off the sayd Dame Dorothye my mynd ys the pcell as ys afforesayd shall remeyne unto the sayd ffrances Holt and hys heyres as heyrelomes Item I wyll &c. y^{t} affter the death off me the sayd Syr Thom^{a}s Holt and Dame Dorothye my wyffe all kynde off bedstockes with hanginges ffor the same to remeyne and be heyre lomes at my howse or wheare the sayd heyres males shall dwell for ever Item I geave &c. unto Dame Dorothye my wyffe my best geldinge Item I geave unto ffrances Holt my sone my second best geldinge Item I geave unto Raffe Holt my yonger sone my thryd best geldinge Item

I geave unto Thoms Holt sone off the sayd ffrances Holt my ffowrtht best geldinge Item I wyll that my executors shall delyver unto my aunte Annes yerelye durynge her liffe xl^s^ Item I geave unto Mawde Barlowe my sisters dawghter xl^s^ towardę her mariage iff she be then alyve so that she guyde her selffe honestlye and be rulyd by her mother and by my next heyre apparant Item I wyll that after my dettes payd legacyes and ffunerall expences payd and doone that the residew off my goodes cattalls and dettes shalbe equallye devyded into iij partes whereoff one part to Dame Dorothye my wyffe the second part to Rauffe Holt and the thryd part y^t^ remeyneth unto me I geave unto ffrances my sone towardes the mariage off his chyldren and brynginge off theym upp in vertuusnes Also I constitute and make my trustye and welbelovyd Dame Dorothye my wyffe and Raffe Holt my sone my trewe and ffaythfull executors to see that this my last wyll be pfformyd as they wyll answere beffore God at the generall day off judgement Also I wyll that this shalbe my trewe and last wyll conserninge the disposition off my goodes cattalls and dettes and that all other wylles heretoffore made to be ffrustrate and off no effecte In witnes whereoff I the sayd Syr Thoms Holt have assygned this my last wyll in wrytinge wth my owne hand and sett to my seall in the psens off Robert Holt.[1]

[1] No date of probate. The testator was son of Ralph Holt of Gristlehurst Esq. by Anne, daughter of John Langley of Agecroft, and married Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Longford of Longford Knt. — *Suffield MSS.* His inquisition post mortem is dated 4 Elizabeth, at which time his son Francis was of the age of 38 years. The family continued in the possession of Gristlehurst and other lands in Lancashire until Thomas Posthumus Holt Esq. squandered his paternal estates and died in poverty near Tattenhall, where he was buried March 28, 1679. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 100; vol. ii. part iii. p. 477; and *The Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 174.

TESTAMENTUM CICELIE ASHELEY.[1]

Ꝑbat̃ corā m̃ro Robto Leeche v° die Junii 1563. Et comissa administratio execut̃ reservata p̃tate ꝑ Thurstano Tyldisley armigero.

IN the name &c. The xix^th^ day of Maye in the yeare of oure lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth three score and three I Cicill Asheley beinge of ꝑfect mynd &c. ffyrst and principally I bequeth my sole unto almightye God my maker and redemer and my bodye to bee buryed at my parishe churche of Bowdon nere unto my husbandꝭ grave yff yt please God to call me to his mercye at this tyme Itm I geave &c. unto George Breerton yf he take good weys and be ordred by his ffrendꝭ whome I constitute and make my executors one hundreth markes of his mariage goodes And to his syster Anne and his syster Jane eyther of theym ij hundreth markes a pece yff they take good weys and be ordred by their frendes And yf they doe not use theym selfes well and will not be ordred by their frendes I geave unto my nephew Souton children and my nephew Wryghtꝭ children one hundreth markes and to be devyded equallye amongest theym and to be receved at the dayes of paym^t^ wch were appoynted at the daye of making upp of the marriage The rest of the sayd fowre hundreth markes yff they will not be ruled by their frendes I geave to ye sayd George Breereton Item I geave to the sayd George Brereton eyght oxen and all plowes weynes cheynes and all thinges belonginge unto husbandry To the sayd George sixe kye and a bull the blacke nagge and the yonge fillye and a bore and

[1] She was the widow of George Ashley of Ashley Esq. and daughter of John Sutton of Sutton near Macclesfield Esq. The issue of this marriage was an only daughter, Thomasine, who was married to Richard Brereton, a younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 419.

a sowe and iiij^{or} shotes of the best he can chewse To the sayd George all the corne that ys sowen and to be sowen appon the grownd and the best chafer and the best possenett To the sayd George ij of the best cheares the cuppord in the hall and the cuppord in the parlor and the cofer in the parlor To the sayd George all the keyres stowndes and other vessells y^{t} are w^{t}in the brewhowse to brewe wth To the sayd George the gretest potte and the best panne and the best maslin basyn and the best voyder and the best garnishe of pewter dishes and the saltinge tubbes and soche other tree ware as ys wthin the larder Also I geave to the sayd George iiij^{or} of the best candelstickes and a chafinge dishe To the sayd George a cote of mayle a jacke and a salet and all other harnesse at home besydes To the sayd George all the barres of iron that are in ye apple chamber To the sayd George a diapur cloth and an other cloth for the broade boord xx^{tye} peyre of sheetes a dosyn of boord napkins halfe a dosyn pillow bers and a halfe dosen of quishins y^{t} are in the hall and iiij^{or} of those quishins that are in the parlor syde and a red velvett quishin y^{t} standeth in the parlor window To the sayd George ij candestickes for tapers and a pewter bottell and fore score dishes and bolles and iiij^{or} beddes that ys to say the best bed wth the sylke henginge and ij of ye worse sorte and ij mattresse and halfe a dosen of fustian pillowes and ij of the worst sorte and to every bed ij blankett^{e} and ij coverlett^{e} Itm I geave unto Anne Breerton iiij^{or} kye the graye mare and her fole ij styrkes of ij yeres old of the best that she can chewse of the kye styrkes and iiij^{or} of the grettest swyne To the sayd Anne ij bedstockes one ys in the yate howse and the other in ye chappell chamber To the sayd Anne xx^{tye} pere of sheet^{e} and a dyapur bord clothe and iij other bord clothes a dosyn bord napkins and halfe a dosyn pillowe beres and halfe a dosyn of fustian pillowes and the worser chafer and a possenet wth a stole To the sayd Anne iiij^{or} beddes ij of the best and ij of the worser and ij mattres and my ij damaske gownes and my red damaske kyrtle a

frocke of right wolstyd and my best cloth frocke and my best kyrtle of blacke damaske and my velvet bonet and a red tippet of saten borthered wth gold and a pere of bedes of red corall and a pere of velvet sleeves and another peyre of tawnye saten and ij rynges of gold ye one was her mothers and the other wth a perle y^{t} I had of Mestres Asheley and ij corpp [*sic*] cases I geave to the sayd Anne yff the be never occupyed ageyn at the churche And yff the be I geave the one to the churche at Bawden ye better and the other to my owne chapell at home And I geave to the sayd Anne the best potte and the best panne iiij candelstickes and halfe a garnishe of pewter and a chafinge dishe and the halfe of the drynkinge pottϱ that are in the butterye and halfe a dosyn of sylver spoones a sylver salt and a standinge peace of sylver and the cofer that hath my best gayre in and the other that my best kerchyfes in Ĩtm I geave unto Jane Breerton iiij kye and ij kye styrkes of ij yeres old and a pott and a panne of the best that are left when her brother and syster have chosen Ĩtm I geave to the sayd Jane twooe bedstockes the one in the chappell chameber and the other benethe and iiij^{or} candelstickes and halfe a garnishe of pewter Ĩtm to the sayd Jane the damaske gowne that was her mothers and a kyrtle the abillement that was her mothers and the blewe saten tippet y^{t} was myne and a peyre of white birrall beydes and my worse damaske kyrtle and iij beddϱ one of the better and ij of the worse and all thinges belonginge thereunto and xviij peyre of sheetϱ a dosyn bord napkins and vj pillow beres a flaxen bord cloth and iij other bord clothes and iiij^{or} fustian pillowes and halfe a dosyn of sylver spoones and a sylver salt and a sylver potte and a cofer that standeth behind the chameber dore and an other that standeth in the closett Ĩtm I bequeth the rest of all the tree ware that ys unbequethed to Jane Brerton and Anne B: Ĩtm I geave to Jane B: a littell potte Ĩtm I geave unto Anne Ward a cowe and a calfe and xx^{tie} markes of money and a fetherbed and all thinges belonginge therto y^{t} is to say twoe blankettϱ twoe co^{v}lettϱ

ij pillowes and a bed cover Itm to Alice Harden a cowe and a calfe Itm to Margaret Debias a cowe and a calfe Itm to Jone Curbishley a cowe and a calfe Itm to Margaret Worthington a cowe styrk of ij yeres of age Itm to my servant Robert Vereson a yoke of my drawght steeres Itm to Wiłłm Worsley a yoke of drawen steres Itm to Robt Heyghfeld xx^{tye} shillinges and a shert and his bed wch he lyeth in in the mylne To Henry Heeld xx^{s} and a shurt [The same bequest to] George Land John Hase Ric Cooe Henry Heeld the younger Wiłłm Bradshaw and George Launnce Itm I geave to Wiłłm Bradshaw a bed Itm to Roger Murrey a cowe styrke To my s^{r}vant Robt Gooden a yoke of steeres that goe in the pear tree fyeld Itm to John Davenport xx^{s} and a sherte I forgeave Mawde Rigway the debt wch she oweth me [Similar bequests to the following] Edward Houghe Margaret Heginson John Denson the wyffe of Robt Coe the wyfe of John Wryght George Launnce Edward Rowson Reynold Gooden the wyffe of Roger Lyneston Katerine Milner the wyfe of John Leeghe of Altringham the wyfe of James Warberton the wyfe of Edward Parker Raffe Venebles John Walton of Altringham and Nicolas Vawdrey Itm I geave to my brother S^{r} Wiłłm xx^{li} To Wiłłm Bothe esquyer v^{li} To Thurstane Tyldisley of Wardley v^{li} To Mr Sutton v^{li} To Jaspor Worth of Tetherington v^{li} And I make my executors &c. the right worshipfull S^{r} Wiłłm Davenport knight George Breerton my sone Thurstan Tildesley esquyer Ric Sutton esquyer Jasper Worth esquer and the right worshipfull Wiłł Bothe esquyer to be overseer and supervisor The rest of my goodes unbequethed my legacyes my buryall and funerall expenses discharged &c. shall be devyded to the poore people in this parishe and in the towne of Macclesfyld These beinge witnes George Lamme John Davenport Robt Perisson Robt Gooden and Wiłł Worsley.

TESTAMENTUM ANTONII CALVELEY.

Pbat̃ coram mg̃ro Robto Leech in LL Baccall xxiij° Sep. 1563.

IN the name &c. The xiijth daye of May in the fyfthe yere of the reygne of our sovaygne ladie Queene Elizabeth I Antonye Calveley[1] son of George Calveley knight decessed beinge whole of mind &c. ffirst I geave &c. my sole unto almightie God and unto our blessed Ladye Seynt Mary &c. I will the daye of my buryall or wthin a moneth after there be x^{li} delt to ye poore to praye for me &c. I will y^{t} their be xiij blacke gownes made and geven unto my poore neighbowrs to praye for me Also I will desire and charge my executors and overseers of this my will y^{t} they shall see my ladye my mother Dame Elizabeth Calveleys will be pformed and my syster[2] Elizabeth Gerrards will be pformed And also that my brother[3] John Calveleys will be pformed wch I stand charged wthall and that ys not doone and fulfylled at my deathe when yt shall please God to call for me to his mercye as they shalbe answerable thereunto at the dreadfull daye of judgement afore God in an other world Also to the halowinge of Churching Heathe chapell xl^{s} I will that my nephewe George Calveley shall deliver to ye parisheaners of Church en Heath chapell the bell that I lent unto him wch henged in his steeple over his chapell wch bell was geven by my ladye my mother unto the sayd chapell to be prayd for Also I will y^{t} my executors shall paye for the pavinge of the cawsey so far as ys unfinished at my deathe betwixt the chapell and cawde fyeld stile — unto ye mendinge of Hanley lane at ye churche end iij^{s} iiij^{d} — unto ye mendinge of War-

[1] Anthony, a younger son of Sir George Calveley of Lea, Knt., by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton, Knt. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

[2] Elizabeth married Richard Gerard of Crewood, Esq. Her inquisition post mortem is dated 35 Henry VIII. — Ibid. p. 62.

[3] See his will at p. 56.

ton windemille lane iij^{s} iiij^{d} I will that my syster Elianor Davenport have delivered unto her iij of the spoones that were last made at London that have ij lr̃es at the endes for my name a pewter voyder a pere of beydes of exedent gawdid wth silver and gilt an edge of perle a button of gold wth white amell on ytt a flat ringe of gold price x^{s} ij coffers one wth a clicket locke and another wth a white plate loocke on ytt which ys geaven unto her by my ladye Calveley her mother I will that my sister Dorothie Almer have delivered unto her a flower of gold set wth stones and perle a ringe of gold wth the fyve wownds wrought on hit a white dyapur rybbon wth ij aglettę of sylver and gylt on hit Also I will to be delivered unto my sayd suster Dorothie a great brasse potte y^{t} was Cicelie Tattonhallę pforminge the sayd Cicelie Tattonhalls will to Bunburie churche wch goodes were geaven unto her by the will of my ladye Calveley her mother I will y^{t} my executors deliver unto eꝟye one of my brethren in lawe one olde ryall wch was by the gyfte of my ladye my mother and yff anye of their names be dead then I will their eldest sones to have the same gold delivered unto theym to praye for my ladye Mr Davenport Mr Houghe Mr Almer and Mr Edwardę wch was a lyve at the deathe of my ladye I will that my executors deliver unto my cosin Katerine Pilston dawghter unto my syster Davenport one fetherbed one flocke bedde one bolster and one pillowe of fustian ij blankettę and ij coverlettę a peyre of broade sheetę of flaxen and my ladyes best fruntlet a cofer wch goodę were bequethed unto her by the will of my ladye Calveley her grandmother I will my executors deliver unto my cosin Hughe Davenport my sisters sone at his goinge to howse a longe tastinge spoone of sylver wch ys in a case and geven to him by the will of my ladye Calveley his grandmother I geave and bequethe unto my syster Davenport a blacke cloth gowne furred wth sharkes a blacke kyrtell of satin a Bridgges [*sic*] wch was parte of my ladies reyment Itm̃ I geve unto my syster Howghe a blacke chamlet gowne furryd wth

grey a bonnett of blacke velvet wth a frontlet and a ringe wth a saphire wch was part of my ladyes raement Unto my sister Dorothie Almer a right black satin cirtell wch was part &c. Unto my sister Dame Johne Leycester my flaggin cheyne of gold a harnest gyrdell full of sylver studdes and gilt a ringe of gold wth the stone of a gesant in ytt and a great chaffer of maslen and a flaggin braslet of gold desyringe her to be good ladye unto Rauffe More To eve one of my systers beinge alyve at my death an old ryall of gold to make eyther one of them a ringe of to pray for my sole To my cosin Hughe Calveley my best cappe wth my bruche on hit my dagger and my sword the best armor that was my brother John Calveleys wth the best stile [or sile] sadell to pray for me To my cosin Willm Houghe the best cowe y^{t} I have Unto my cosin Thoms Houghe his brother xx^{s} in money Unto my cosin John Dutton a short gowne of taffeta and my twoo handed sworde To Mrs Elianor Dutton his bedfelow a fyne flaxen sheete to cover hir bedd when she lyeth in hale and an olde ryall of gold to make her a rynge of Unto my cosin Launcelot Bostshocke fyve pownds Unto my cosin Willm Almer my gylt raper Unto my cosin Hughe Davenport an other raper Unto my cosin Alice Byston x^{s} and x^{s} wch I lent her I forgeave her Unto my cosin Jane Elis xx^{s} and the best heffer calfe of ij yeres olde that I have To Willm Edwardę a colt wch I bowght of John Mynshull Unto my cosin Katerine Leycester xx^{s} in money a peticote of scarlet wch was my ladyes a bonnet of velvet wth a fruntlet and iij sylver spoones wch was bowght last at London havinge ij lres at the endes of theym for my name Unto my cosin Dorothie Houghe a blacke chamlett gowne wch was my syster Elizabeth Gerrard to praye for her I will my executors deliver unto my sayd cosin Dorothie Houghe v markes wch was geven her by my brother John Calveley's will Unto my cosin John Davenport ye best peyre of hose dowblet and sherte that I have and a little band in itt Unto my cosin Randall Davenport his brother a trottinge cowlt wch ys at Toft my buffe

girken my rydinge cloke Unto the rest of my sisters children wch I have geven nothinge unto vjs viijd a pece Unto David Mathewe a fryseadow cloke and the best spruce girkin Unto my nephew George Calveley a masar bole wth a border of sylver and gilt abowt ytt a shirt of mayle wth the hed peace or murren therunto belonginge and an arminge sworde and my grey amblinge geldinge to pray for me Unto my cosin George Byston my night gowne of blacke damaske garded wth velvet and my velvet gyrken Unto my brother in lawe Richard Houghe my shorte secke clothe gowne garded wth velvet Unto my cosin Richard Clive my sealinge ringe wch hath an agonett stone in ytt Unto my cosin George Calveleys wyffe twoo shorte carpettꝭ of carpett woorke for the formes in ye chapell and twoo silke pillowes of downe the one covered wth greene sarcenet and the other wth saten of Byrges [Here follow many bequests of tenements, lands, cottages, and gardens, to various individuals for life, paying the usual rents.] Unto John Minshull a redd taffeta doublet and a peyre of blacke hose Unto eꝗye servant that ys dwellinge wth me at the daye of my death iijs iiijd a pece to pray for me Unto Wiłłm Bannester and to his wyfe fyve markes I will and charge my executors that they shall take the lease of the ꝑsonage of Burlington and to receave the ꝑfettꝭ thereof and to paye all soche debtꝭ and legacyes as are my brother John Calveleys as ytt may appeare by his will and that my executors shall paye soche other legaces as ys not wthin his will This doone and his will ꝑformed I will my sayd executors shall receave the rest of the ꝑfettꝭ thereof and employ hit to the most ꝑfett of Rauffe Calveley my bastard sone accordinge to the will of my brother John Calveley Unto Rauffe Calveley my bastard sone the leases wch I have of the manor and lordshipp of Sawghton and another lease wch I have of Church in Heath wth all my right title &c. Unto the sayd Rauffe Calveley my best cheyne of gold a dosen of the best sylver spoones my best salt of silver wth the cover my goblet of silver wth the cover my pownce peece of sylver wth all the rest of my howsehold

stuffe as beddinge brasse and pewter and all other my howsehold stuffe as well kye oxen yonge bestes horses mares wch are not in this will afore bequethed This donne my will pformed and discharged I wold charge my executors and overseers that my goodꝭ w^th^in the howse and w^th^owte the howse maie be preysed by honest men and by the discretion of my executors and overseers that soche goodꝭ as ys most needfull I wold have theym to sell hit and to take the rentꝭ of my farmes of Sawghton and Church in Heath and to see the same somes of money putt fowrth yerely unto some honest man's handꝭ for the use and behoofe of Raufe Calveley my bastard sone Also I desire my executors and overseers that the sayd Raufe may be kept to learninge till he come to the age of xxj yeres Also I geave unto some learned man wch shalbe appoynted to preache by my cosin George Calveley fowre sermons in what churches he thinketh meete xx^s^ for his peynes Unto John Partynton the widow Turner Alice Grey Cicelye of ye Buttes Crumpe of Churton John that dwelleth in the lane and the poore woman that come owte of Warton and Hughe Rannatꝭ wyefe ev̄y one of theym a hoope of wheate Unto Thomas Prickett wieffe of Aldforde a bushell of barley I will that my executors shall make Case [*sic*] newe reyment and binde him prentise in London wth John Hondkin the teylior or to some other whome they thinke meete Unto Sr Raufe Leycester my brother in lawe my scarlet cloke and unto my cosin Willm Leycester his sone my best hand gonne Unto my brother Davenport an other hand gonne Unto my brother Almar the best dagge Unto my cosin John ap Elis an other dagge Unto my cosin Hughe Byston a pollaxe wch was my brother John Calveleys Unto my cosin Hughkin Byston all my beddinge wth the bedde case the henginges of the chameber wth a cofer wch standeth at London w^th^in Holburne castell willinge him that Rauffe Calveley my sone maye be chameber felowe wth him when he cometh to the Innes of the Cowrte I will that the ꝑsone of Handley be payed for soche tiethe haye as my brother John Calveley was behind wth him I will

that my executors shall delyver unto the vicare of Seynt Warburge that nowe ys vj^{s} viij^{d} in satisfaction of soche tiethes and dutyes yf I were anye behynde at my death Itm I will that my executors shall delyver to twoo poore men and twoo poore women in Bunburye pishe iij^{s} iiij^{d} a pece to praye for the sole of Mrs Byston who was late wyffe to my brother in lawe John Byston Itm I will that my executors doe paye unto Seth Nicoll so moche money as he sayeth uppon his honestye he payd for the repleviynge of his bestes owte of Sawghton folde wch were pinned by my servantϱ I will that my executors geave unto James Bulkeley iij^{s} iiij^{d} whome was wryter of this will. I desire my nephew George Calveley my syster Dame Jane Leycetor my nephew George Byston my brother in lawe Ric̃ Houghe esquy^{ers} to be my executors And I desire Mr John Dutton of Dutton my cosin Richard Clive of Huxley to be overseers for Goddϱ sake to see this my pnt last will executed and to doe for my sole as they wold be doone by as they shall answere me at the dreadfull daye of judgment in an other worlde In witnes whereof &c. I Anthonye Calveley have putt &c. at the manor of Sawghton the xiijth daye of Maye in the vth yere &c. in the ꝑsentes of James Bulkeley wryter hereof

Anthonie Calveley.

Also I will and bequeth to my cosin Katerine Davenport a whyte heyffer off ij yeres olde incalfe Item I geave to Margerie Greene my cosin a whyte heyffer of a yere olde Item I geave to Mrs Hurleston my cosin a whyte heffar of ij yeres olde.

Hugo Calveley.
Robtus Danold de Hanley.
Lancelot Bostock.
Johes Davenport.
Dorothea Almar.
Katerina Pilston cū ceteris.

THE WILL OF PHILIP EGERTON, OF EGERTON, KNT.[1]

IN the name &c. The xviijth daye of January in the yeare of o^{r} Lord God mv.. ... and in the yere of the reygne of o^{r} sovaygne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God quene &c. the vth I Phillippe Egerton of Egerton wthin the countie of Chester knight beinge sycke in body and yet in pfett memorye thankes be to God do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followynge first I bequethe my soulle to allmyghtie God that he for the greatt love and beningnitie that he dothe bere to mankind and for the passion he suffered apon the crosse for the redemption of man that he wyll receyve the same amongest his elect children and to o^{r} blessed ladye Saint Marye and all the hollye companye of heven to praye for me also I will that my bodye shalbe buried in the chappell of Budworthe wheras I do knell also I wyll that my dette and funerall shalbe discharged of my hoalle good Item I will that evye one of my yomen that wereth my lyvere shall have a blake cowett Item I gyve to Edward Pbin Phillippe Nevell and Thomas Underwood evy one of them xl^{s} a pese and evy one of them a blake cowett Item I geve to Sr Rauff Olton x^{s} and a blake gowen Item to evy on of my yomen servaunt that do dwell or contynewe in my howse at the tyme of my deathe one holle yeres wage Item to evy one of my

[1] No date of probate. The testator was son and heir of Philip Egerton of Egerton and Oulton Esq., by Joanna, daughter and coheiress of Gilbert Smith of Cuerdley in the county of Lancaster. He married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Randle Brereton of Malpas Knt., and dying 17th July 1563, was buried at Budworth. His son and heir, John Egerton, married Jane, daughter of Piers Mostyn of Talacre Esq., and was ancestor of Egerton, Earls of Wilton, and of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton Bart., of Oulton Park, M.P. and F.R.S., the present male representative of this ancient family. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 350.

husband servāntꝭ and wemen servāntꝭ one halfe yeres wagꝭ Item to Thomas Egerton[1] that ys at Ine of Cowert x^li^ toward his exebition Item I give to bestowe for John Cliffs sowle x^li^ Item to Budworth churche xl^s^ Item to Jane Egerton my doughter in lawe my longe damaske gowen Item to Thomas Venables my newe blake clothe gowen wth the garde of velvet Item I will my wyff shall have my gilte cup of sylver duringe her lyffe, and she to leave yt to John Egerton sonne and here of John Egerton Also I will that Dame Ellenor Egerton my wyf shall have all the rest of my goodꝭ dyscharginge thes thinges above specifyed and for the better accomplishement of thes ꝑsentꝭ I the sayd Phillippe Egerton do order constitute and make my welbeloved in Christ Dame Ellenor Egerton my wyfe and Thomas Venables of Ant^r^bun^q^ [Antrobus] my trewe and lawfull executorꝭ for the ꝑformance and accomplishement of this my last wyll and testament In wittnes whereof I the sayd Phillippe Egerton have put my seall the daye and yere above wrytten Sealed and delivꝑed in the ꝑsence of these wyttnes whose names are subscribed Wyllyam Smythe clarke Rauff Olton prest John Olton.

M^d^ this will was sent to Sir Richard Egerton[2] knight the xxiiij^th^ day of February by Sr Phillipp Egerton knight to be singned by the hand of the sayd Sr Richard to the intent hit may well appere.

[1] Thomas Egerton, natural son of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley, Knt., born about 1540, entered Brasenose College about 1556, and having taken his Bachelor's degree, was removed to Lincoln's Inn in 1559, where, in January 1562–3, his "exebition" was augmented by his liberal kinsman the testator; Lord Chancellor of England, created Baron of Ellesmere 21st July 1603, and Viscount Brackley 7th November 1616, ancestor of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater. He died 15th March 1616–17. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 348.

[2] Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley Knt., cousin to the testator and father of the Chancellor. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 162.

Item that I have sold since God cauled for my husband of yonge bease xxxvij the wch I have receyved xliij^{li} for.

Item that I have receyved for corne since my husband died xx^{li}

Item that there ys remeanynge yett xxxj kye by exstimacion of the presers worth xxvj^{s} viij^{d} a pyce one wth another.

Item that ther dothe remayne by exstimacion of the presers xij oxen worth xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} a pyce one wth another.

Item in howshold stufe that ther remayneth in the parlar a longe bord a square bord and a cuppbord wth the carpetes and a quishyns therto remaynynge by exstimacion of the p^{r}sers worthe .... . xl^{s}

Item ther ys in the great chamber iij fetherbeddes and twoe boulsters and ij pyllowes and ij blankettϱ and iij co$\overset{\mathrm{v}}{\mathrm{l}}$lett$\varrho$ and a coverynge..... v^{li}

Item ther ys in the chamber over the butrie ij fetherbeddes and ij boulsters and ij pillowes and ij blankettϱ and iij co$\overset{\mathrm{v}}{\mathrm{l}}$lett$\varrho$ and a co$\overset{\mathrm{v}}{\mathrm{l}}$ynge wth the bed stockes therto belonginge ..... iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item there ys in the wardens chamber ij fether beddes and ij boulsters ij pillowes and ij blankettϱ iij co$\overset{\mathrm{v}}{\mathrm{l}}$lett$\varrho$ and a co$\overset{\mathrm{v}}{\mathrm{l}}$inge wth the bedstockes therto belonginge .... iiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item there is in the litell chamber ij fether bedes and ij bolsters ij pillowes and ij blankettϱ iij co$\overset{\mathrm{v}}{\mathrm{l}}$lett$\varrho$ and a co$\overset{\mathrm{v}}{\mathrm{l}}$ynge and the bedstockes thereto belongynge .. .. iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Item in the ij bed chambers ij fether bedϱ ij boulsters and ij blankettϱ iiij co$\overset{\mathrm{v}}{\mathrm{l}}$lett$\varrho$ wth the rest that is in the chamber..... iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item in my lords chamber ij fetherbedϱ ij bolsters

and ij pillowes and ij blankettꝭ iij covlettꝭ and a covynge wth the bedstocke and the stuffe thereto belongynge .... iiij^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^

Item in the chamber by the syde of the yeates ij fetherbedꝭ and ij boulsters and iij covlettꝭ and a covynge .... iij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^

Item in the oxe howse a matteres a boulster ij covlettꝭ xiij^s^ iiij^d^

Item in the stable a matteres a boulster ij covlettꝭ... xiij^s^ iiij^d^

Item in the mylne a matteres a boulster ij covlettꝭ... xiij^s^ iiij^d^

Item that there ys in my ladies chamber ij fetherbedꝭ and a matteres and iij boulsters iij covlettꝭ and a covynge wth the rest of the stuffe therto belongynge .... iiij^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^

Item in Bulles chamber a matteres a boulster and ij covlettꝭ .... xiij^s^ iiij^d^

Item in Bokers chamber a matteres a boulster and ij covlettꝭ .... xiij^s^ iiij^d^

Item the kytchyn stuffe

Item the great panne Item ij litell pannes Item ij bygg skellettꝭ Item the great byffe pott Item the bryne pott Item the great potage pott Item a greatt pot wth the snipe in Item ij medellynge pottꝭ Item ij litell pottꝭ Item one morter and a pestell Item one chafer a byge one Item a litell posnett wth a steale Item a great caudron Item the stuffe in the daye howse x^s^ Item the fornes wth the rest of the stuffe in the brue howse iiij^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Item the stuffe in the buterye Item a sylv salte Item ij litell goblettꝭ of sylv wth a cov Item xiiij sylv sponnes viij^li^ Item the rest of the stuffe in the buterie xxx^s^ Item for horses that I have sold viij^li^ Item a mare and syxe horses xiiij^li^ Pewter Item ix brode dyshes Item viij narowe dyshes Item a xj smale dyshes Item vij sawcers Item a drepinge panne Item ij goberdꝭ Item iiij broches wth the rest of the kechyn stuffe by estimacion v^li^ Item that my husbandes buriall cost xl^li^ Item that

the blakes cost xl^{li} savynge x^{s} Item to that I have gyven to Thomas Edgerton[1] of Lyncole In a leven pounde that my husband left hym in his wyll.

[The other items are quite without interest.]

THE WILL OF SIR JOHN HOLCROFT OF HOLCROFT, KNT.[2]

IN the name &c. The seconde daye of December in the yere of our Lorde God 1559 and in the seconde yere of the reygne of our sovaygne ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I Sr John Holdcroft of Holcroft the elder in the countie of Lankester knyght beyinge of good mynd &c. I wyll that all suche landꝭ as I have gyven to Anne my wyff as apereth by dede that she shuld be at hyr lybertye to take the sayd landꝭ or ellꝭ the thryd parte of all my landꝭ and tenement whether she wyll And also I wyll that those landꝭ that I have gyven unto my sonnes as appereth by sevall dedes remeanynge in the custodye of my cosyn Gylbart Gerrarde and the counter paynes lyeth in my chest where my evedensys is that they my sayd sonnes shall have and enjoye the sayd landꝭ contened in the sayd sevall dedes accordynge unto the purporte and effecte of the sayd dedꝭ Also

[1] There is a difference between the amount of the legacy and that paid by the executrix to Thomas Egerton, the student at Lincoln's Inn.

[2] Sir John Holcroft, son and heir of John Holcroft of Holcroft Esq., by Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Hamlet Massey of Rixton, married Anne, daughter of Ralph Standish of Standish Esq., and had issue, besides the sons mentioned in the will, six daughters: Anne, wife of William Radcliffe of Wimmersley Esq.; Alice, wife of Sir Thomas Hesketh of Rufford Knt.; Ellen, wife of Francis Holte of Gristlehurst Esq.; Millicent, wife of Henry Talbot of Bashall Esq.; Clemence, wife of Richard Leigh Esq. of West Hall in High Legh; and Mary, who married Peter Warburton of Warburton and Arley Esq.

I wyll that my sayd cosyn Gylbart Gerrard[1] shall have fourtie shillyngꝭ by yeare durynge his lyff accordynge to a dede wch I have made hym I wyll that Thomas Holcrofte one other of my younger sonnes shall have twentye shillingꝭ yearely out of my landes in Bowden in the countye of Chester durynge hys lyff wch landꝭ I am at libertye to gyve or sell Also I wyll that Henry Holcroft one other of my yonger sonnes shall have yerely durynge his lyff other xxs out of my sayd landꝭ in Bowdon and Rostone aforesayd I wyll that Roger Holcroft one other of my younger sonnes shall have xxs by yere durynge his lyff out of my sayd landꝭ in Bowdon aforesayd I wyll that Anne my wyff shall have all the tethe corne hemp and flaxe yerely growynge wthin the lordeshippes of Rysley and Pesseferlong in the countye of Lankester durynge hyr lyff payinge yerelye therfore fyve poundꝭ to the ꝑson or farmꝰ of Wynwycke at mydsomꝰ and Martenmas by even portyons accordynge to one dede of gyft thereof by me made to her as by the same more playnlye dothe appere And also I wyll that Sr John Holcroft my eldest sonne shall have all the tethe corne hempe and flaxe wthin the lordshippe of Culchethe and the lordshippe of Holcroft payinge therefore yerely fyve poundꝭ to the ꝑson or farmꝰ ꝓf Wynwycke at mydsomꝰ and Mꝰtenmas by even portyons And also I wyll that my wyff shall have durynge hyr lyff the tethe barne that standethe in a close late in the holdynge of Addam Shawe to sett her corne in wthout any rent payinge durynge her lyff And also I wyll that eꝰy one of my soninlawes shall after my deceasse have of my goodꝭ ten poundꝭ wch is in the holl lxli ether in goodꝭ or ellꝭ in money to thentent they shall gyve the same to the maryage of one of theyere

[1] Sir Gilbert Gerard, son and heir of James (second son of William Gerard of Ince Esq.) by Margaret, daughter of John Holcroft of Holcroft, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Radcliffe and sister and heir of the half blood of William Radcliffe Esq. of Wimmersley, the testator's son-in-law, Attorney-General and Master of the Rolls to Queen Elizabeth, ancestor of Gerard Earls of Macclesfield and Lords Gerard of Gerards Bromley. — *Suffield MSS.*, and Ormerod, vol. i. p. 483.

doughters or ꝑferment of one of there childer by the advyse of my executors yf then the have any childer a lyve and yf not then the to have the sayd money to the use onelye of them selfes Where I am in possession of a certen tenement wch I have of James Standyshe of Duckesburye Esquier for certen yeres yet induynge I wyll that Dame Anne Holcrofte my wyff shall have and enjoye the same tenṫ durynge all the sayd yeres and where the sayd James Standyshe standethe bownden unto me to make Anne [*sic*] a lease of the same I wyll that Hamlet Holcroft one of my younger sonnes shall have the ꝑfitt therof And also wheare I have the custodye and maryage of Anne Ratclyff[1] I wyll that my executors shall use the same accordynge as Wiłłm Ratclyff esquyer brother to the sayd Anne shall thinke good Also I wyll unto Sr John Holcrofte my eldest sonne and heyre of my goodꝛ suche percell as hereafter be specifyed for the entent that he shall suffer my executors to ꝑforme this my last wyll and testament that is to saye all suche harnes as I have to serve the kynge and quenes maiesties in ther warrꝛ for my owne bodye one sylṽ pott gylte and also one sylṽ goblett a dosanne sylṽ spones a salt of sylṽ gylt and my sygnet of gold And also I gyve hym a bedd wth testures of redd sarcenet the bedstockes the fether bedd and all thinges belongynge to the same bedd And also I wyll that my sayd sonne shall have the one halfe of my bed stockes and the one halfe of my cupbordꝛ cownters formes and longe bordꝛ and the one halfe of my cheres and stooles And also I gyve hym the one halfe of my waynes cartes and teames of iron to the same trease collers spadꝛ hatchytꝛ harrowes ranges [?] and hookꝛ And also I wyll that my wyff shall have all the other parte of the goodꝛ aforesayd belonginge unto husbandrye Also I gyve hym two old oxen ij stures ij mares ij kye ij hefers ij swyne and a boore xxtie shepe v bushellꝛ of rye ten bushellꝛ of barlye x syffes of otes Also I wyll that my sayd sonne shall have ij longe iron spittes a great pott that my cookes are wont or used to

[1] Afterwards wife of Sir Gilbert Gerard.

sethe byeffe in I gyve halfe a garnishe of pewter vessells to my sayd sonne I gyve hym the greatest mashe fatt wth all the leadϱ and the gret yealynge combe I gyve hym the greatest saltinge tubbe to salt byeff in I gyve hym a gowne yf I have any at my deathe and a blake saten dublet to thentent he shall suffer my executors to pforme this my last wyll or ellϱ I wyll that he shall have no parte of my goodϱ I wyll that Alis Holcroft my sonnes doughter shall have xx^{li} toward her maryage I gyve unto my wyff Dame Anne Holcroft duringe her lyff all the rest of my plate wch I have not gyven to thentente that she wylbe one other of my executors I wyll that after the deathe of my wyff that she shall leave to be gyven and to charge the executors to gyve the sayd plate unto my eldest sonne and soninlawes to be delt and distribute amongest them indeferently to thentent they wylbe good unto theyre wyffϱ I gyve unto my cosyn Gylbart Gerrard of Greis Inne one of my best horses or geldynges and one rynge of gold that hathe the seale of a horse in the same and fyve poundϱ in money And I wyll that my sayd cosin shall have after the deathe of my wyff the newe howse wyth all the grownd belongynge unto the same whyche grownd I doe nowe occupye durynge his lyff payinge the rent at the dayes accustomed vij^{li} by yere to thentent he wilbe one other of my executors I gyve unto my cosyn Wyllyam Gerard recordar of Chester v^{li} to thentent he wylbe one of my executors I wyll that Hamlet Holcroft be another of my executors and have a geldynge for his peanes I wyll that e$\overline{v}$y sarvant man boy or woman shall have all ther wages that the be unpayd whyche the same sarved for and one yeares wages more I wyll that my wyff shall kepe all my servantϱ halfe a yere at meate and drynke and lodgynge yf the so longe wyll tary wth her untyll the have pvyded them of service And also I wyll that my wyff shall not be stopped by my eldest sonne to dwell at my howse at Holcroft durynge the sayd halfe yere and in case he wyll stopp her then I wyll that he shall have no parte of goodϱ wch I have gyven hym I wyll that my best

apparell shalbe delt indyfferently amongest my soninlawes by the advise of my executors I gyve all my ryngꝭ unto my wyff to bestowe them one my doughters as [she] shall thinke mete after her deathe or afore Also I doe gyve &c. unto my sonne Hamlett Holcroft all that mesuage and all the landꝭ and tenementꝭ called Lyttell Wolden in Caldwoldshedd in the countye of Lankester late in the tenure or occupatyon of Thomas Rutter to have &c. unto the sayd Hamlett for and durynge so manye yeares as the sayd Hamlett shall fortune to lyff and after the deathe of the sayd Hamlett then I wyll that all the ꝑmysses shall remeane unto suche wyff as the sayd Hamlett shall fortune to have at the tyme of hys deathe for her naturall lyff and after [her] deceasse then unto my executors for the ꝑformans of my wyll the sayd Hamlett and his sayd wyff payinge yearely unto the heyres of Sr Thomas Holcroft knyght decessed the yerely rent and servys dew and accustomed Where I hold certen grownde of my brother Sr Thomas Holcroft[1] for certen yeres called Musterd Fyldes the rent by yere xxv^s^ I wyll that my sonne Thomas Holcroft shall have them payinge the rent unto the sayd Sr Thomas Holcroft hys heyres or assynes at the rent dayes accustomed accordyne to the indenture therof made I gyve &c. unto my servant James Starkie one yerely rent of xx^s^ durynge his lyff and hee to receave the same out of my landꝭ in Pynnyngton Also I wyll that my executors shall receave yerely xl^s^ out of my landꝭ in Pynnyngton called Pynnyngton land to the use of suche prest and chappelen as shall dwell wth me at the tyme of my deathe for terme of the lyff naturall of the sayd preist and he to serve my wyff durynge her lyff she fyndynge hym meate drinke and lodginge and after her decesse to serve my eldest sonne and yf they wyll not soe doo he to have the sayd xl^s^ and serve at hys pleasure I wyll that Wyllyam Clowghe and Wyllyam Whittell wch have byne my servantꝭ lounge shall have the same tenementꝭ wch the now

[1] Sir Thomas Holcroft of Vale Royal, an esquire of the body to King Henry VIII., knighted at Leith in 1544.

dwell in durynge ther lyffe payinge all rente &c. Also I desyer my eldest sonne and heyre and also my executors that the shall see that the sayd Wyllyam Clughe and Wyllyam Whyttell to occupie ther sayd tenemente wthout fyne payinge unto any man as the wyll answere me in an other world I wyll that my executors gyve unto the poore at my buriall vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} or after the sayd buryall and I wyll that my executors my son in lawes and theyre wyffes have ev̄y one of them a blake gowne and my childer that are at my buryall in lyke case gownes and ev̄y servant a blake coote and my pryst a blake gowne I give &c. towarde the glasinge of Winwicke church xx^{s} and towardes the glasinge of Standishe church xx^{s} Hytt is my wyll and desyre my wyff my sonne and all other that hathe any lande of my gyft that the shall not take any fynes or trowbell any tennante that have leases of me durynge the sayd leases nor that the shall take any fynes or gressomes of any tennant that hathe payd me any money as shall appere by a booke of my hand wrytynge as the wyll answere me afore God in another world I wyll that my sonne Hamlett Holcroft shall have one harnys that ys to saye a plate coote or jacke a sallett a payre of spentes and a halbert and in lyke case Thomas Holcroft and James Starkye ev̄y one of them a harnys and all thinge as is aforesayd the resydue of all my goodes my dette and legasys well and trewly contented and payd and my body browght to Christen buryall I wyll that the shall be dyvyded my goode one to my selfe the wch I gyve the one halfe to my wyff and the other part to my sonnes into thrie parte wherof I wyll my wyff shall have one part and the other parte to be equally devyded amongest my sonnes Hamlett Thomas Harry and Roger I wyll that in case the tennante of Culchethe wyll purches vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} of land to be made suer for ev̄ to hyer a pryst wth and that he shall have for hys wages v^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and the clarke xx^{s} then I wyll and gyve toward the same my best cheane of gold or the valew therof and in case that the wyll bye no land then I gyve them x^{li} of money toward the hyrynge of a

pryst then the rest of my cheane to be devydyd betwyxte my wyff and my sonnes Wher ther is a seddule hereto annexed what grownd lyeth to my new howse of wch I wyll my cosyn Gerrard shall have payinge the rent aforesayd I shall desyer hym that in case he wyll not dwell at hytt hym selfe then he to lett Hamlet Holcroft my sonne to have yt by a reasonable rent Item I gyve to my sayd sonne Hamlet Holcroft ye land^e^ wch I purchest of Robart Mather and now in the tenure &c. of Christofer Gest to have &c. to the sayd Hamlet during his naturall lyff Item I gyve unto Mathew Bottell my ꝑvant xl^s^ Item I gyve unto John Braddell[1] for the love I bere to hym xx^s^ in money desyrynge hym to be frendly to my chyldren Also I doo make my trustye and welbelovyd wyff Dame Anne Holcroft my welbeloved cosyn Gylbart Gerrard esquyer the quenes maiesties gen̄all atturney my trustie cosyn and frend Wyllyam Gerrard esquyer recordar of Chester and my sonne Hamlett Holcroft [my executors] And also I desyer the ryght honorable eyrle of Darbye that in case my executors cannot agrey wth my childer then hys lordshyp to call them afore hys sayd lordshipe and to make an end amongest them and his lordshipe to have vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ for hys peanes And I make thes my supvisors my son in lawes that is to say Thomas Haskythe knyght Peter Warburton esquyer Wyllyam Ratcliff esquier Harry Talbot esquyer ffrancys Holte esquire and Richard Ley esquier In witnes wherof &c. I gyve to Sr Thomas Stanley my velvett gowne wch is unlyned Unto Rychard Massye of Ryxton esquyer the velvett coote wch was my brothers Unto my cosyn John Culchet my satten coote Unto Thomas Swytloffe one cow wth calfe or one hefer wth calfe and two busshell of barlye Unto my sonne Hamlett Holcroft my best cloke Unto Edward Shawe two bullockes I wyll that where I had a mare of John Rysley that hys chyldren shall have money for her at the

[1] John Braddyll of Brockholes and Whalley Esq.; like the Holcrofts, a large purchaser of abbey lands.

syght of neghbours Unto Anne Shawe the howse wch was her faders.

[Extracts from "A trew and lawfull Inventorye of all singuler goodꝭ dettꝭ and cattellꝭ wch where Sr John Holcroftꝭ knyght at the tyme of his deathe praysed the v daye of ffebruarii and afowre that daye by Charles Sothurne James Bate John Pendulton John Lyon and others."]

Cattell.

Inp^r^mis v yocke of oxen p^r^ce of e^v^y yocke one wth another v marke	xvj^li^	xiij^s^	iiij^d^
Item xxvj kyne the p^r^ce for e^v^y cow xxix^s^.....	xxxvij^li^	xj^s^	
Item ix stewres the p^r^ce xxiij^s^ a pece	x^li^	vij^s^	iiij^d^
Item xxviij twynturs p^r^ce xvij^s^ a pece	xxiij^li^	iiij^s^	
Item xix calves	vij^li^		
Item ij coltꝭ of ij yeres old xx^s^ a pece		xl^s^	
Item one wytt mare the p^r^ce iiij markꝭ.....		liij^s^	iiij^d^
Item one dunne mare..... ...		vj^s^	viij^d^
Item one grey nagge		xxxiij^s^	iiij^d^
Item one baye geldynge		xxvj^s^	viij^d^
Item lvij wethers iij^s^ a pece	viij^li^	xj^s^	
Item xj tuppes ij^s^ ij^d^ a pece		xxiij^s^	x^d^
Item c and ix ewes ij^s^ iiij^d^ a pece	xij^li^	xiij^s^	iiij^d^
Item lxxxiij lambes ij^s^ a pece.....	viij^li^	vj^s^	
Item xxxij swyne v^s^ a pece.....	viij^li^		

Corne.

Item viij syffes of ottꝭ batynge ij mettꝭ at viij^s^ the syffe	iij^li^	ij^s^	
Item v bossell of barlye at vij^s^ the bossell		xxxv^s^	
Item vij bussell of barlye vj^s^ viij^d^ the bussell.....			
Item v bussell lyght ottꝭ at xvj^d^ the bussell		vj^s^	viij^d^

Item a bussell of weate		xvj^{s}
Item ij mettꝭ		viij^{s}

Sylv̄ and Plate.

Inp^{r}mis in money	lxiiij^{li}	
Item a bassyn and an ewer of sylv̄	xiij^{li}	vj^{s} viij^{d}
Item ij cannes of sylv̄..... ..	viij^{li}	
Item a nest of gobletteꝭ of sylv̄	iij^{ii}	
Item a nest of bowles	iiij markꝭ	
Item ij cuppes of sylv̄.....	xl^{s}	
Item a standynge cuppe of sylv̄	xl^{s}	
Item iij sylv̄ saltes ij of them wth covs	xl^{s}	
Item sylv̄ spones ij dosyn and x spones.....	vj^{li}	

Howsehold stuff at Holcroft.

Item in the corrall chamber hengett wth yalowe and blue buckeram Item in the lityll chamber next unto the corner chamber Item in the medull chamber above hengett wth old tapester Item in the grene chamber hengett aboute wth panted ares worke Item in the great chamber called the dynynge parler havinge hengynge in the wyndowes of yalowe and read sea		xl^{s}
Item in the red chamber henget abowte wth red paynted worke Item in on of hyest chambers ov̄ the gate hanget wth paynted worke of yalowe and redd Item in the other in ye parler of the heyst chambers henget wyt yalowe and blue	iij^{li}	vj^{s} viij^{d}

Item xiij quysshions	iij^{li}	v^{s}	
Item a carpet in the sayd parler	iij^{li}	xiij^{s}	iiij^{d}

In the Butterye at the newe hall.

In p^{r}mis iij pewter saltes	ij^{s}	
Item ij flagyns for wyne.....	viij^{s}	
Item ij dosen of plate trenchers.....	viij^{s}	
Item xij candulstyckes	xx^{s}	
Item vj pewter cannes	xvj^{s}	
Item ij dosyn of boxe trenchers.....		viij^{d}

THE WILL OF EDWARD JANNY OF MANCHESTER, MERCHANT.[1]

IN the name &c. the xxijth day of July in the yeare of our Lord God a thowsand ffyve hundrethe ffyftye and three I Edward Janny of Manchester in the countie of Lancaster marchaunt beynge not sicke nor dyseased but of good and pfecte mynd and memorie &c. &c. ffyrst and pryncypally I offer gyve and bequethe my soule to allmyghtie God or Lady Saynt Marye and all the blessed company of heaven trustinge by the merytes of Christe passion yt to be on of the nomber that shalbe elect and chosen into evlastynge glorye there to be and remeyne wth Abrahm Isaach and Jacob in the kyngdome of heaven and my body to be buryed in the pishe churche of Manchester or wheare hyt shall please almyghtye God I wyll that my wyfe shall have all my howshold goode in Manchester holy to her selfe And also all my howses shoppes and tackes in Manchester durynge her lyff she payinge all rente and duties for the same (the

[1] No date of probate. For a notice of the testator see *Notitia Cestr.* vol. i. p. 314, *Note* 11.

shop and higher shop and chamber ov̄ the same wch I nowe occupie my selfe reserved) And also the thridd pte of all my goodꝯ yf she be so contentyd And yf she be not then I wyll that upon my costꝯ my executors and she doe take ij lerned men and the indyfferentlye to see what the lawe wyll she shuld have and she to have the same w^thout further busynes I wyll &c. im̄edyatly after her decesse all my howses shoppꝯ gardeyns and tackes wch I have in Manchester (the tav̄ne at the Smythe Dowre only reserved) to Henry Aleyn hys heyres and assignes for ev̄ I wyll that the sayd Henry have xx^li of money he to help hys mother as he shall see cause or as she have nede Also I wyll gyve &c. to her sonne Robt x^li And more ov̄ where I have an advowson and lease of the vicarage of Bawden whereof certeyn yeres be yet remeynynge for certeyn consyderacōns me movynge I gyff &c. all my ryght tytle &c. wch I have in the same to my frend Robert Vaudraye his heyres and assignes upon condycyon that he or they do make at all tymes to Thomas Vaudray brother to the sayd Robert V. or his assignes at ther demande one sure sufficyent and lawfull assuraunce of all the howsynge and glebe landꝯ of the sayd vycarage wth all other esyamentꝯ that to the same do be longe to have to hym and his assignes durynge all my sayd terme and lease of the same w^thout any rent payinge And also that the sayd Robert and his heyres ayde hym in all his ryghtfull causes in all other landꝯ and tackes now lyinge to the same And where I have payd to Thomas Mynshull for two closes and one medowe for x yeres yet to come I forgyffe hym and his wyff all the same wth v^li wch he oweth me more upon condycyon he suffer the sayd Thomas V. to occupye the sayd closes durynge hys lyff he payinge to the sayd Thomas or his assignes xxij^s by yeare durynge the sayd terme And also the sayd Thomas Mynshull takynge suche a waye wth my especyall mayster Sr John Holcroft knyghte as he be contented wth for the same occupacyon And yf the sayd Thomas M. do not take suche a waye as before is sayd then I wyll he shall pay to the sayd

Thomas V. the sayd some of v^{li} and suffer hym to occupye the sayd grownd accordynge to thagrement made betwene hym and me I gyff to John Janny of Northerden all suche debts as he owethe me and all the occupacyon of suche grownd as I hold of hym in Tymperley I gyff to Edward Jannye sonne of the sayd John my god sonne iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} To Rauffe Janny xl^{s} and to ev̄y one of his chyldren iij^{s} iiij^{d} To Alys Chatterton doughter of George Chatterton xx^{tie} nobles in recompence of all reconynge betwyxt her father and me yf any were Also to the mother of Elizabeth Sutton vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be bestowed amongest hir chyldren as she thynkyth good To my servauntę M^{r}gery Lees and Elizabeth Lees to eyther of theym fourtie shillinge To Elizabeth Janny doughter of my unkell James Janny xl^{s} to be put into an honest mans kepynge and delyv̄ed her as nede shall requyre To the wyff of Richard Royle xx^{s} To Isabell her suster vj^{s} viij^{d} To the chyldren of Rondull Manwarynge xlij^{s} in recompence of all reconynge betwyxt my brother Gee[1] and me yf any were and suche moneye as he owethe me to be alowed in the same Where Rychard Shalcrosse and I have a purchasse of the tav̄ne at the Smythe Dore in Manchester I gyff my pte of the same to my godson Edward Shalcrosse and hys heyres sone to the same Rychard he makynge sufficyent and lawfull assurannce of xiij^{s} iiij^{d} yerely to be payd for ev̄ fourthe of the same to the churche wardens of Manchester for the tyme beynge to be by theym yerely bestowed on the repacyon of the condut there And yf there be not way taken that the sayd condut may be suffered and mayntayned there for the com̄en welthe of the sayd towne I wyll that the sayd churche wardens do bestowe and gyff the same yerely for ev̄ to the most pore and nedy people of the towne of Manchester forsayd To George Jonson xl^{s} of money and all suche debte as he owethe me To the executors of Wyllyam Prowlaf xl^{s} in

[1] Probably Henry Gee, citizen and alderman of Chester, who appointed his brother Edward Janny overseer of his will dated 2nd September 1545. He owned lands in Manchester and considerable estates in Cheshire.

recompence of suche money as he shuld have had fourthe of the howse of Pyers Hall To John Pedley xl^{s} and to Wyllyam Hardey iij^{s} iiij^{d} To Hamnet Worseley xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To Wyllm Parker and Roger Urmeston to eyther of theym iij^{s} iiij^{d} To the chyldren of Thomas Massye of Apethrope xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be devyded amongest theym as my executors shall thynke most nedefull To the chyldren of Edmunde Guden xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be lyke wyse devyded I gyff to Adam Holland my bowe and arrowes To the sonne of John Canocke my godson vj^{s} viij^{d} and to ev̄y godson I have iiij^{d} To the wyff of Edward Sympson of Bawden a pere of hose of what clothe she wyll in the shop To Edward Glov̄ and Alys Sedall to eyther of theym v^{s} To Thomas Assheton of Manchester Edward Royle of Tymperley M^{9}garet doughter of Rychard Massye of Oldfeld John Massye of Manchester to ev̄y of theym iij^{s} iiij^{d} To the chyldren of John Hylton iij^{s} iiij^{d} To the wyff of Thomas Assheton to Thomas Laborer the wyff of Elize Sedull Wyllyam Hulton Rauffe Rausson John Veyrey Rauff Hylton James Warton and Nycholas Hechemoght to ev̄y of theym ij^{s} I wyll that my executors shall bestowe ev̄y weke durynge one whole yere next after my decesse v^{s} amongest the pore and especyallye amonge the nyde [needy] sycke foulkϱ of the towne were the thynke most nedye by thadvyce of Mestres Bekke To Alyson Gebon one Henry Janson of Tymperley to eyther of theym xij^{d} To the mendynge of the lane betwyxte Altryncham and the logher end of Tymperley xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To the mendynge of the lane and makynge of the brydge betwyxt Tymperley Grene and Halefeld xiij^{s} iiij^{d} To the porest howse holders in Bawden pyshe to be bestowed by the dyscretyon of my executors iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} I do forgyff all suche debtes as be wrytten in a byll remaynynge wth this my last wyll accordyngley as they be there in wrytten I wyll that my executors do gather in my debtes by gentylnes and not by the lawe yf the may other wyse have theym I gyff to my suster M^{9}garet vj^{li} To her sonne Edward my good wyll of my howse in Tymperley wherin my suster M^{9}garett dwellythe by lycence of my

mayster Sr Rychard Bullen knyght desyrynge hym to be good mayster to hym my executors agreynge wth hym for the same I wyll that Jarvys Tetlowe shall have my best gowne faced wth damaske My gowne of new color faced wth chamlet I wyll that Thomas Cropper shall have To Thomas Hunt glov my new colered gowne that ys ffurred and faced wth budge I gyff the rest of all my other garmentꝭ to Henry Aleyn I wyll bequethe &c. all my landꝭ tenntꝭ &c. wch I have purchased of Willm Chatterton (the Cloghe Ryddynge only except) to my frend and kynseman Robert Vaudray[1] to have and to hold to hym and his heyres and assignes to hys and there only ꝑper use he makynge suffycyent assuraunce of iiij^li yerely to be payd to a suffycyent and honest scole mayster to kepe a ffre scole at Bawden to instruct youthe in vertue and lerninge And also the sayd Robert V. payinge to Alexander Kyrsha threscore poundꝭ wch I owght to hym I wyll that he gyff and make one sure suffycyent and lawfull annuytie of xx^s by yere to my servant Thomas Janny for terme of hys lyff and on other dutie of xx^s by yere unto Thomas Pilkynton for terme of hys lyff I beqwethe to Thomas Janny and Rauff Hopwood my servauntꝭ eyther of theym iij^li vj^s viij^d Also I wyll that John Orell shall have xx^li of the last payment he oght me forgyven hym he doinge and kepynge all his other paymentꝭ justly and truly I wyll that all these my legacies bequestꝭ and gyftꝭ as be nedefull shalbe wth all spede be fulfylled and ꝑformed and yf my debtꝭ can not be spedely had to fulfyll all theym I wyll that those that my executorꝭ thynke by ther dyscretyon have lest ned and mey best tarry and bayre the same so to theym gyffen shall tarrye the tyme tyll the sayd dettꝭ be gotten in And also I wyll that yf my goodꝭ wyll not

[1] Robert Vawdrey of Riddings Gent., by will dated 12th February 1567–8, entails lands in Cheshire upon his children subject to a payment "to an honest and learned schoolemaster durynge all such tyme as he shall teach grammar schoole at Bowdon or Altrincham yearely iiij^li xvj^d." This no doubt is the reason why Vawdrey has had the credit of being the founder of the school, while it is really due to the liberal and benevolent Manchester merchant.

extend to paye and pforme all these my legacies and bequestꝭ that my executorꝭ shall abate as the thynke good by theire dyscretyon from suche as they thynke mey best beyre and for goe the same And yf there be any ovplus then I wyll that my sayd executors shall dystrybute the same amongest my pore frendꝭ as they shall thynke nedefull And I ordeyn &c. and make my most trusty frendꝭ Robert Vaudray of the Ryddyngꝭ gent̃ Rychard Shalcrosse Thomas Redyson of Manchester mchaunt and Henry Aleyn my executors &c. And for theyre paynes therin to be taken I wyll that evy on of theym have fyve mks In witnes &c. These beynge witnes Thomas Pilkington Robt Leghe and others.

THOME LEYLAND DE MORLAYES ARMIGERI TESTAMENTUM[1] CUM INVENTORIO.

IN Dei noĩe Amen The second day off Apryll in the yeare off owr Lord God a thowsand ffyve hundrethe threscore and twoe and in the ffourthe off the reygne off owr soveraygne Ladye Elizabethe

[1] Proved 23rd September 1564. Sir William Leyland of Morleys Knt. married Anne, daughter and heiress of Allen or Alan Singleton of Withgill in the county of York, by whom he left a son and heir, Thomas Leyland the testator, Anne, wife of Henry Blundell of Crosby Esq., and Margaret, wife of Thomas Parr of Parr Esq.—*Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 59; and 1408, fo. 159. Margaret Parr afterwards married a Byrom. From the *Suffield MSS.* it appears that Sir William married Alice, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. She would be a second wife, and afterwards married Sir Urian Brereton of Honford Knt. by whom she had a family. Sir William Leyland's inquisition post mortem is dated 1 Edward VI., at which time his son and heir Thomas was 33 years of age. Thomas Leyland his son and heir married Anne, daughter of George Atherton of Atherton Esq., by whom he had a daughter and heiress, Anne, wife of Edward, younger son of Thurstan Tildesley of Wardley, Esq. See p. 97. In Fox's *Acts and Monuments*, vol. iii. pp. 775–6, fol. ed. 1684, there is an account of Mr. Leyland's search for and examination of Jeffrey Hurst, brother-in-law of George Marsh the martyr, who would have been committed to Lan-

&c. I Thomas Leylande off the Morlayes wthin the countie off Lancaster esquyer beinge in good healthe &c. doe ordeyne &c. this my last will and testament in man̄ &c. ffyrst I geve and bequethe my soule into the handes off Almyghtye God owr Ladye Saynt Marye and all the holye companye off saynt$\wr$ in heaven and my bodye to christian buryall wthin my owne chapell at Leyghe churche called Saynt Nycolas chapell my ffeate neare adyōyinge to my alter And my mynd and will is to have a ffayre stone layed over me wth scripture sett rounde aboute uppon the sayd stone as hereafter ensuethe Praye for the sowle off Thomas Leylonde esquyer sonne and heyre off Sr Willm Leylond knyght wch heare lyethe Buryed the daye and yeare as Almyghtye God shall apoynte And also to have an image off brasse as ys used uppon the same stone And to have throttene blacke gownes geven to poore [*sic*] And ev̄ye one off my howshold yomen servant$\wr$ to have a blacke coete accordynge to the use off the countrye Also I geve &c. to my servant Sr Rauff Parker preist yf he be lyvynge after my deceasse fyve poundes yearlye duringe the terme off my lease wch I have in the teathe cornes and graynes of Astele to be taken upp off the same duringe all the terme off all the yeares wch shall chaunce not to be determined expended and expyred the daye of my deathe And off [if] my sayd lease wch I have off John Urmeston wyll nott extende so ffarre That the sayd Sr Rauff to have to make hit upp ffyve pound$\wr$ off the lease wch I have off Anne Blundell my suster And yff the sayd Sr Rauff decease afore the ende off the sayed leases then ffowre poundes off the sayd lease to goe to Sr Robert Taylyor duringe the sayd terme yff he be then lyvinge And yff hit chance the sayd Sr Robert then to be depted then the sayd ffoure powndes yearely to be bestoed uppon some other honest preist

caster had not the death of Queen Mary prevented it. His death was sudden; for "in July, as the foresaid Thos Lelond sate in his chair talking with his friends, he fell down suddenly dead, not much moving any joint: and such was his end; from such God us defend." — P. 777. His age was about fifty years.

duringe the sayd terme off the sayd lease by the dyscretion off my executors Also I geve to the amendynge and reypearinge off my sayd chapell att Leighe fortye shillingꝭ to be bestoed uppon it suche tymes as neede shall requiare Also I geve to Sr Robert Taylyor yff he be alyve att my decesse xs And to Sr Symond Bradshaye yf he be alyve att my deceasse vjs viijd And to everye preste off the sayd pisshe off Leyghe the day off my buryall xijd And to all other prestꝭ viijd a pice Also I geve &c. to everye one off poore howsholders dwellinge wthin Astele iiijd a pice Also whereas I am att libertye att my pleasure to geve and bequethe the yearelye rentꝭ and profettꝭ off tenne poundꝭ [from] landes by yeare to my doughter Alis Leylonde unto suche tyme as twoe hundrethe mkes be taken uppe towardꝭ her maryage pferment and advancemēt hit is my mynde and will that my executorꝭ shall se a dede accomplisshed wch was mayd by [me] the sayd Thomas Leylond unto my sayd dowghter Alis berynge date the twentye day off ffebruarye in the ffourthe yeare off the raygne off owre soveraigne ladye Quene Elizabeth &c. accordynge to the trew entente and meanynge off the same dede Also wheareas I have gyven and delyvered unto my servante yomen whos names be subscribed in a sedull hereunto adnexed assygned wth my hand everye one off them a silv sponne wth T and L uppon the ende and everye off them xxs in moneye and I nowe to have the use off theym durynge my naturall lyfe accordynge to a dede theroff made hit is my mynde and will that the same spones and money shalbe delyvered the daye off my buryall or wthin tenne dayes next folowynge att after my decease accordinge to the trew entente and meanynge off the dede to my servants I gyve unto John Perkeynson one incalfe cowe Unto Thomas Woodborne my bed wch standes in my chamber neare unto my chapell wth twoe covlettꝭ ij blankettꝭ ij shetꝭ the ffether bedd and the bolster To my suster Mgarett Byrome and Elizabeth Sutton ayther a blacke gowne and eyther an owle ryall off gold And to my suster Anne Blundell wydowe a blacke gowne and

a dowblett dokett And to my baster sonne Roger Leylonde syx poundes and iiij sylv̄ spones towardes his helpe succor and p̄ferment Also I gyve &c. to hym that shall wryte this my last wyll x^s To my executors every one off them a blacke gowne Also I have gyven by dede to everye one off my worke servantę iij^s iiij^d a pice bothe men and women To my cosin Grace Shirburne now wyff to Roger Shirburne gent̄ a payre off fflaxen shetę Unto Wiłłm Wolfall one cowe incalfe Also I gyve &c. one shorte worsted gowne wth all my apparell wch is mayd and shapen for my bodye to my servantę wch be in the chamber about me in my sycknes that is to saye Thomas Woodborne Wyłłm Wolffall Jhon Perkynson and Jhon Spekemon silk saten damaske and worsted onlye excepted Also wheare I am bounden to leave twoe greate leades and one iron coffer att my howse called the Morlayes it is my mind and will that my executors shall delyver the same to my ryght heyres off the Morlayes there to remayne as heyre lomes for ever accordynge to the obligacion whearein I stande bounden to Sr Uryan Brereton and others off my ffathers executors Also I gyve &c. to my suster Anne Blundell wydowe one ffetherbed twoe cōvlettę ij payre off newe fflaxen shetę a payre off blankettę and a bolster To my cosin Wiłłm Talbott one rynge wth a scale off stone off redd Unto my cosin John Talbott of Salisburye esquyer eyther a sattyn or a damaske gowne wheather shall please hym and also my howpe off gold Unto John Urmeston a ringe of gold wth a diamond in hit and a gowne Also it is my mynde and will that all my howshold servantę bothe men and women shalbe kepte to gether uppon my costę and chargę the space off one hole monthe next after my decease at my howse called the Morlayes I will that my executorę shall geve blacke at my buryall att theire discretion Also I gyve &c. unto Thomas Tyldisley sonne unto my sonne in lawe Edward Tyldisley twoe silv̄ spones and one angell off gold Unto my worshipfull cosin Sr Rychard Shirburne knyght one rynge off gold wth a turke stone in hit Unto my nevye Rychard Blundell one ffetherbed and

all thinges thearunto belonginge And also I ordeyne &c. my welbeloved cosin John Talbott off Salisburye esquyer John Urmeston genť and Sr Rauff Ꝑker preist my executors And my ryght worshypfull cosin Sr Rychard Shirburne knyght supvisor In witness &c. thes being witnes off the same George Caterall James Bolton Wiłłm Wolfall John Spakeman Thomas Clyffe et aliis.

Inventoriū om̄ et singulorū bonorū et catellorū que fuerunt Thome Leylonde armigeř nup defunct̄ vere appreciat̄ p Johem Southworthe Johem Massie Ranulphū Smythe et Robtū Traves.

In primis xxj fether beddes xxvij bolsters xj pillowes xxx covlettꝭ l blankettꝭ vj bed covinges ij sayes and one quylte xxxiij^li^ ix^s^ Item ij carpettꝭ ij cobord clothes xxj^s^ Item xxvj quysshens l^s^ Item the byff pott and one calderon xxix^s^ Item v other pottes and iiij litle pannes xx^s^ Item iij chafynge dysshes and ij brasen ladellꝭ ij^s^ x^d^ Item ij fryinge pannes and one flesshe hooke xij^d^ Item iiij kytchyn knyves viij^d^ Item iij grydyrones ij drypinge pannes iron rackꝭ Item pott hookes mole ironnes and viij iroñe spittes xiij^s^ Item one brasen morter one pestell and a fleshe axe vij^s^ Item iiij garnysshe off pewter ij old dysshes and vj potengers v^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ Item v payre off ffyretonges xx^d^ Item in the daye howse iij pannes one potte wyth all treen vessell in the same xxviij^s^ iiij^d^ Item in the backe howse one brasse panne vj^s^ viij^d^ Item one cage wth cole and cañell v^s^ vj^d^ Item xx payre off canvas shetꝭ l^s^ Item xxxj payre off flaxen shetꝭ x^li^ Item vj bord clothes and one diap clothe xij^s^ Item xj towellꝭ and xxxix buterye napkens xvij^s^ viij^d^ Item ix worse bord clothes and ix worse towellꝭ xiij^s^ Item xix pillowbeares xxiiij^s^ Item a damaske gowne a saten gowne and a velvet cote x^li^ Item ij saten dublettꝭ and one velvet gyrkyne xx^s^ Item one velvett hatt and one velvett cappe xiij^s^ iiij^d^ Item ij wolsted gownes ij clothe gownes ij clothe cotes ij payre off hose one dublet j cloke v^li^ Item iiij carchaffes xij shirtꝭ and iiij napkennes xliiij^s^ iiij^d^ Item xxviij payre off bedstockes liij^s^ iiij^d^ Item in

sponnes lx onces and iij also one goblett wth a cover xij onces also one salt wth a cover duble gylt xiij onces also one other salt wth a cover and ꝑcell gylte viij onces also silv̄ cuppes and ij covers xxj onces xxv^{li} vij^{s} Item one cheane off golde xxxviij^{li} Item iiij bassines iiij ewers ij pewter cannes ij voyders ij pewter saltꝭ and xij sawser trenchers xxviij^{s} Item xiiij candelstickes off maslen and ij off tynne xv^{s} Item vj almeres vj cupbordes and iiij counters xlvj^{s} viij^{d} Item vessellꝭ in the larder xiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item in the brewhowse xiij stondꝭ iiij keares iij hogshedꝭ xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} Item ij brendrethes v arkes ij deyshenes xxix^{s} iiij^{d} Item all the bed henginges in all the howse xxx^{s} Item a leade in the kylne vij^{s} viij^{d} Item instrementꝭ ꝑteyn̄ge to husbandrye of irō hengbletꝭ liij^{s} iiij^{d} Item xv colffers a bassine and a ewer and a wasshinge bassen iij^{li} viij^{s} Item a sumpter sadle and a stoned horse iij^{li} Item xij styrkes x twinters and x oxen xxxviij^{li} Item xiiij calves and xviij kyne xxvij^{li} x^{s} Item xij old horses and one baye geldinge ix^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} Item iij boares ij sowes and xx yonge swyne v^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d} Item vij fatt beasse x^{li} Item xviij gese and xl duckes xj^{s} viij^{d} Item and [*sic*] acrees off barlye and xxij acrees of otes xxxvij^{li} Item ij acrees and a halffe in wheate v^{li} Item xij acrees off haye and ij yonge mayres viij^{li} Item iij hundrethe loode off turves xl^{s} Sum̄a totalis cccxj^{li} iiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

M^{d} that the ffuñall expencꝭ and buryall cōythe to in all lxx^{li} Dettꝭ owynge by the sayd Thomas Leylonde liiij^{li} ij^{s} vj^{d}.

Thees be the names off my servante yomen to whome I have [bequeathed] the said spones and money unto as followeth In p^{r}mis Edmonde Leye xx^{s} and a spōne [The same to] Wyllyam Wolfall Thomas Wodborne John Spakemā Thomas Beselaye Thomas Clyffe John Ꝑkinson Nicolas Woorslaye Item Wiłłm Ꝑtington xx^{s}.

RICARDI BRERETON DE LEY[1] ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI TESTAMENTUM CUM INVENTORIO.

IN the name &c. The xxiijth daye of ffebruarii in the yeare of o^{r} Lorde God 1557 I Richarde Brereton of the Ley in the countie of Chester esquier beynge hole in bodie and of pfecte memorie thanke be to o^{r} Lord God oñipotent but dreadinge the unctayne houre of deathe when itt shall come wch is naturallye incident to all men do make my last will and testament in man and forme folowinge ffirste I bequethe my sowle to almyghtye God maker of all thinges and to o^{r} blessed Ladie &c. Imp^{r}mis I do give &c. unto my sonne and heire apparant George Brerton two salte of silv gilte thone wth a cov to the same saute belonginge and another litle trencher salte of silv and gilte wth a cov to the same belonginge Unto my said sonne George Brereton thirteyne greate silv sponnes wth gilte kneppes uppon the endes of everye of them and two lr̃es beynge a P and a B graven upon everye of them Unto my sayd sonne George a drinkinge cuppe of silv and gilte wth a cov to the same cuppe belonginge Unto my sayd sonne George a greate maser bounde aboute wth silv two greate ringe of base gould upon either of them a seale thone is graven wth a beast lyinge under a tree and thother havinge a dyamonde in the same Unto my said sonne George Brereton my chayne of gould wayinge thirtie and three pounde [*sic*] Unto my said sonne George B. one greate chalice beinge dowble gilte Unto my two dowghters Anne B. and Jane B. all the residewe and rest of my goodes moveable and unmovable and debte dewe unto my executors to be equallye devyded and distributed betwixe them That in case either of my said dowghters dye before the tyme of her maryage then that

[1] He was younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt., and married Thomasine, daughter and heiress of George Ashley of Ashley Esq. See p. 135.

the same said porcōn of goodę and debtę to her that shall happen so to decease appoynted shalbe to the ꝑfermēt and maryage of her said sister then lyvinge If itt fortune both my said dowghters to dye before they be maried then my said sonne George B. shall have all suche goodę as I have bequethed to my said two dowghters That my welbe[loved] mother dame Elener Brereton widowe shall have thuse and occupacōn of all my goodę in this will and inventorye conteyned duringe her naturall lyef if itt be her pleasure so to have That the executors of this my last will hereafter named duringe and bye all the terme that my said dowghters or either of them shalbe unmaryed shall have the occupacon and receyve thissues ffrutę rentę and ꝑffettę of the late chauntrye of o^r Ladye of St Johns in Chester to thonlye use of my said dowghters and either of theym untill suche tyme they and either of them shalbe unmaryed of and for the bringinge up and fyndinge of theym wch said late chauntrye I have and houlde by reason of a lease heretofore made by Sr Peter Brereton clarke nowe decessed and the deane and chapter of St Johns in Chester Unto Sr John Dye chaplen a lytell chalice of silver that I lende unto my father in lawe George Assheleye esquyer I do constitute as myne executors my welbe[loved] mother Dame Elenor Brereton widowe Sr Uryan Brereton knighte George Assheleye esquyer and Sr John Dye chaplen In witnes &c.

The inventorye of the goodes and cattalls late of Richard Brereton esquyer appreysed by the othes of Wiłłm Cotgrave of Chester inholder Wiłłm Dod of Chester m^ꝯchaunt Wiłłm Dod of the same shermon and Robert Brokę of Upton the ij^d daye of Novemb̄ anno Dñi 1558 by thappoyntment of the Reverende Father in God Cuthbert Bisshopp of Chester.

Att Ley nere Mydlewyche.

In the chapell.

On vestement of unwatered chamlett wth a crosse of red velvet an albe an amys a corpis and a case a stole a ffannon a girdell of whyte threede..... xiij^s^ iiij^d^

One fayre masse booke of pchment ..... x^s^

On broken bell w^th^out a clapper by estimacion on half hundrethe weight .... xv^s^

On sacringe bell .... viij^d^

On starre wth a glasse in the mydle ..... xx^d^

In the greate plor.

On fetherbed a boulster two pillowes and two blankettꝭ beynge very oulde and full of hooles ..... xiij^s^ iiij^d^

Itm ould red mantell .... ij^s^

In the litle plor.

On feither bed a boulster ij pillowes iij curtens a covlett and an oulde coverynge .... xxvj^s^ viij^d^

The hangingꝭ abowte the chamb of steyned buckeram... xx^s^

In the chamb ov the chappell.

A feitherbed a boulster ij pillowes ij ould quilkes a testorne and thre curtens of course stayned fustyan wth a trusse bed and an oulde covynge off Dornekꝭ..... xxxiij^s^ iiij^d^

On quyssion of silke wroghte wth a neylde and lyned wth blewe saten .... v^s^

On oulde carpett quyssyon..... xij^d^

On quyssyon of Crueles .... iij^s^

On lytle tressell .... viij^d^

In the greate chamb̃ ov̄ the greate plor.

On feare carven bed case	xx^{s}	
On fether bedd	x^{s}	
The hanginges aboute the stone chamb̃ ov̄ and besydes the steynïge wch my ladie payd for	xx^{s}	
On old throwen chere		iiij^{d}
On turnïge chere		xvj^{d}

In the chamb̃ ov̄ the litle plor.

On feare carven bed case	xiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
On litle carven bed case	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
Two throwen cheres		x^{d}

In the halle.

On cupbord wth a course voate [*sic*]	viij^{s}	

In the logher plor.

Thre curtens and a testorne of steyned clothe	iij^{s}	iiij^{d}

In the Rose chamb̃.

The hangingꝭ aboute the same ov̄ and besydes the staynïge wch is affermed to be payd for by my Ladie	x^{s}	
On trusse bed case	v^{s}	
A testorne and iij curtens of course steyned fustyon	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
On cubberde	v^{s}	
On payre of virginalls	xxxiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
On lute	iiij^{s}	
iij old broken vyallꝭ	iiij^{s}	
On close presse	x^{s}	
On joyned cofer	vj^{s}	
Two flannders chestꝭ bounde wth iron	xxvj^{s}	viij^{d}

Two launde irons on fyre shewe and one payre of tongꝭ trymmed wth brasse	xs	
One bakinge ston of iron	ijs	vjd
On pan of brasse to cov the same wth	iiijs	
On brolinge iron		xxd
On broche	ijs	vjd
On other litle broche and a bridd broche		viijd
On wat pott of pewter		xijd
Two cheres		xd
A polaxe and a huntinge staffe		xvjd
Two brusshes		viijd
On payre of spurres		viijd
A morter and a pestell	vjs	viijd

In the litle loft next to the Rose chamb.

A packe sadell for a sumpter horse wth thapptenncꝭ	iijs	iiijd
An old hayvye sadell	ijs	
A brydell bytt for a greate horse		xijd

Cattell.

On bay mare	xxiijs	iiijd
On bay fyllie	xxvs	
On blake stoned horse	cs	

In the joyned coffer in the said Rose chamb.

On box of evye for a pyxe		iiijd
Two greate christalls to sett upon imagꝭ feete	ijs	
One dosen of yellowe silke poyntes viij rybben poyntꝭ and a pece of redde bobben silke lace		vjd
A dosen skynnes of whyte blake and blewe threede		ijd
Foure broken peces of redd saten		xijd
On girdell of whyte silke		xijd

Two bells for a sumpt̃ horse ..... vj^{d}
Two litle caskettꝭ on coṽed wth velvet and thother bounde wth iron ..... xij^{d}
Certen gardes of old velvett ..... iiij^{d}
An old standishe..... j^{d}
On feare greate payre of amb̃ baydꝭ on shorte payre of amb̃ baydꝭ viz. ix baydꝭ and on payre of wood baydꝭ ..... ij^{s}

Plate in the said coffer.

On great maser bole bounde wth silṽ by estymacion xxxvth ownncꝭ comonly called St. Worburge bowle .....viij^{li}

In the Librarye.

On masse boke of ꝑchement ..... vj^{s} viij^{d}
The story of Huon of Burdeax ..... xviij^{d}
The storye of the Syege of Troye beynge old ..... x^{d}
A boke to distill waters ..... xvj^{d}
Two litle bokꝭ of huntinge and hakinge ..... vj^{d}
Two comūion bokꝭ.....
Ortus vocabulorū ..... xij^{d}
A boke of sophistar̃ ..... ij^{d}
A boke of feitꝭ of armes..... xvj^{d}
The erudicion of the faythfull ..... vj^{d}
Two bokꝭ of logicke ..... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
On old state boke ..... iij^{d}
Two old bokꝭ of syvell lawes..... xij^{d}
An old boke of phisicke..... ij^{d}
An old Latten boke written conc̃nēge scripture ..... ij^{d}
A boke of jestꝭ ..... j^{d}
A booke of service of o^{r} Ladie for a p̃st in ꝑchement and lr̃es lym̄ed wth gould ..... xx^{d}

A booke concinge the comūion of sayntę	j^{d}
A boke of phisike	viij^{d}
A boke of estronymie	xij^{d}
A old boke of scripture	ij^{s}
A storye of greate Alex̄	viij^{d}
An old litle cronicle	iiij^{d}
A boke of phisike	v^{s}
The regyment of helthe	viij^{d}
Pyers Ploghman	vj^{d}
Two litle bokes of scripture	xvj^{d}
Virgill	iiij^{d}
A boke of naturall philosiphie	vj^{d}
A boke of thorder of fryers	ij^{d}
A declacon apon the Actę of thappostellę	viij^{d}
A litle boke of the jurisdiccon of the churche made by Peter Bartrad	j^{d}
A litle boke collected owt of scripture	ij^{d}
A boke entitled to follow Christ	iiij^{d}
A breyf cronicle of the worlde	vj^{d}
A fayre byble in Laten concinge scripture	xiij^{s} iiij^{d}
Salomans ꝑverbes	iiij^{d}
A litle boke [of] pers	ij^{d}
A litle boke of scripture in Latten	iiij^{d}
A litle boke of Englishe lawes	iiij^{d}
An Englishe boke called the Dore off Holye Scripture...	
A newe Testament in Englishe	
Natura breviū	viij^{d}
A boke of scripture written	ij^{d}
Polid Virgill	vj^{d}
A boke of scripture	xij^{d}
An other boke of scripture	iiij^{d}
Mampulę [or Manipulę] Curat̄	iiij^{d}

Enchiridion	iiij^{d}
Pyers Ploghman	viij^{d}
The homylies	
An old boke of prickesonge	j^{d}
An old vestment of wolstie wth a crosse of whyte saten of Brugges an albe an amys and a stole	xij^{s}
A hanginge to hange before the image apon the aulter of stayned fustian	viij^{d}
An hanginge for the front of the aulꝯ	ij^{s}

Harnes.

Two hed peeces a payre of splentꝛ and gauntelettꝛ	xx^{s}
A litle tee of Flannders makinge	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
A male for a sumptꝯ horse	vj^{s} viij^{d}
Fyve old candlestickꝛ of brasse for the churche	v^{s} iiij^{d}
Brasen weightꝛ after the standert	ij^{s} vj^{d}
Fyve chaundelers of brasse	v^{s} iiij^{d}
On chafynge dishe wth a foote	v^{s}
A lavꝯ for a barbor of brasse	ij^{s}
On pye case wth a covꝯ xij trenchers and two cruetꝛ all of pewter	viij^{s}
viij potingers of pewter	vj^{s} viij^{d}
xij potage disshes	vj^{s}
viij saucers	ij^{s} viij^{d}
viij brode disshes	x^{s} viij^{d}
Two candlestickꝛ of pewter	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
One pewter bottell	xx^{d}
On London pottell	ij^{s}
On littell pewter bottell	xij^{d}
On London pynt of pewter wth a standinge foote	x^{d}
Two drinkinge cuppes of pewter	xij^{d}
On trecle boxe of pewter	ij^{d}

Two wesshinge bassons of pewter	ij^{s}	
On great voydiar	ij^{s}	vj^{d}
On possett boule of pewter		xij^{d}
On bottell of glasse		x^{d}
On brasse posnett	iij^{s}	
On chafer	ij^{s}	viij^{d}
On arminge sword		xx^{d}
On litle bell		xvj^{d}
Two shef of old arrowes and old cases wth girdells		xvj^{d}
On pax of white bon		iiij^{d}
On blake walkinge staff tipped wth whyte bon above and benethe called St Chadꝛ staff		viij^{d}
Gold weighes wth a case		viij^{d}
A combe case wth a glasse dyall iiij combes of whyte bon		xvj^{d}
On fyne standishe coꝝed wth lether	ij^{s}	
A sett of chestmen wth a boxe		ij^{d}
On duste boxe		ij^{d}
On fyre ball of brasse		iiij^{d}
Two diallꝛ thon of eꝝy and thother of brasse		viij^{d}
On snufter for candellꝛ		iiij^{d}
A sett of counters		j^{d}
On homꝝ for a woodknyff		ij^{d}
The image of o^{r} Ladie paynted in a fayre table and ꝑcell gilte wth paynters gyldïge	iij^{s}	iiij^{d}

In on of the Flaunders chestꝛ in the Rose chamb̄.

Foure cupbord carpettꝛ and ij table carpettꝛ	v^{s}	
Sixteyne pillowe beares	ix^{s}	
xij diap napkins	vj^{s}	x^{d}
Twentie handcarchaftꝛ wch semed to have byn crysams	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
xij napkins treyled wth silke	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
vij cupbord clothes	viij^{s}	ij^{d}

vj twoellꝭ ..... iij^{s}
On shorte towell an old amys and a lynnen bage for a chalice ..... viij^{d}
On sup altar̃ ..... viij^{d}
Foure payre of the best flaxen sheetꝭ ..... xxiiij^{s}
iij payre of flaxen sheetꝭ of the secund sort ..... x^{s}
iij flaxen sheetꝭ very course ..... iij^{s}
ij payre of canvas sheetꝭ ..... iiij^{s}
On longe table clothe ..... viij^{s}
On quilke cap ..... vj^{d}

In a presse in the said chamb̃.

On payre of old buskins ..... iiij^{d}
Two payre of whyte velvett shoes on payre of blake velvet shoes on payre of spruce shoes ..... iij^{s} iiij^{d}
On cheane of maslen ..... xij^{d}
On payre of taringe irons ..... ij^{d}
On wood knyf ..... iiij^{s}
On blake coate gardet wth velvet wth lose sleves ..... x^{s}
Two payre of sore worne velvet breches and an old payre of saten breches ..... xij^{d}
On malinge sheete of canvas ..... xij^{d}
On velvet cap and an old velvet hatt ..... vj^{s} viij^{d}
On broken flagge for an auncient ..... xvj^{d}
On box wth x silke poyntꝭ and iij skynes of stychinge silke ..... vj^{d}
On blake velvet cap a bruche wth a ston and iiij ꝑles in hitt and xxvj payre of aglettꝭ of gold on hitt ..... lxiij^{s} iiij^{d}

In the other Flannders chest in said chamb̃.

On old velvet sword gyrdell ..... xij^{d}
On girkin of spruce leather cut and styched wth red silke vj^{s} viij^{d}

On taffate cloke leyd apon wth bon lace	xxxiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
On whyte dublett of course sekclothe	ij^{s}	
On payre of whyte hose wth saten breches ov̄ worne	iij^{s}	iiij^{d}
On payre of old red hose wth breaches of red velvet	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
On payre of blake hose made of the Italian facion and lyned wth taffate	vj^{s}	
A red saten dublet wthowt sleves	xx^{s}	
On white saten dublett	x^{s}	
On old tany saten dublett	v^{s}	
A jacke cov̄ed wth old blake saten and a payre of sleves to the same cov̄ed wth blake fustyon	v^{s}	
Of [*sic*] coate of plate	x^{s}	
On old blake velvet gyrkin	v^{s}	
On old gyrkin of blake pressed velvet wth ij crosses of red saten	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
A payre of old tauny hose wth breeches of old tauny velvet sore worne		xx^{d}
One payre of very old blake hose wth breaches off blake velvet		xx^{d}
On payre of old blake saten sleaves cut		xij^{d}
On old blake saten dublet cut and hoole brested	viij^{s}	
On old clothe gowne ye colour iron graye faced wth blake cony and lyned wth whyte	viij^{s}	
On old cloke of the said color gardet of hit self	ij^{s}	vj^{d}
On shurt duble cufted and edged wth silv̄ lace	iij^{s}	iiij^{d}
On short gowne of old branche damaske gardet wth velvet and faced wth conye	xx^{s}	
On stole		x^{d}
On jacke wth a brest of plate	iij^{s}	iiij^{d}
On old payre of sleves of spruse leither		iiij^{d}
On payre of old shoes of red velvet		viij^{d}

Att my Ladie Brertons house att St Johns Churche yard in Chester.

In the halle.

On foulden bourde and a forme..... .... xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

In the loft in the logher ende of the halle.

On blake saten gowne faced wth conye ..... liij^{s} iiij^{d}
On clothe gowne faced wth cony and garded wyth velvet .. .. xl^{s}
On old wolstid gowne faced wth bugge... . ..... xx^{s}
On payre of blake velvet shoes and ij payre of tany velvet shoes ... . xviij^{d}
On old taffate hatt..... ..... xx^{d}
On tipped of furre .... viij^{d}
A smale rounde table..... .... ij^{s}
On brod chest and an old coffer bound wth bandϱ of iron iiij^{s}

In the greate loft ov̄ the plor at the upper end of the halle.

On folden table .... viij^{s}
On Flaunders chest .... vj^{s} viij^{d}
On carven close stole .... ij^{s} vj^{d}

In the chappell.

On alter of carven worke wth a presse above and benethe v^{s}

Plate.

Thirteyne silv̄ spones wth flat kneppes gilt and thes lr̃es P B graven apon att iiij^{s} the ownce thends wayinge xxvth owc̃ϱ and iij quarters..... ..... v^{li} xv^{s} x^{d} ob̄
On square silver salte gilt wthowt a cov̄ whayinge vij owñcϱ a half and a half quarter xxxviij^{s} j^{d} ob̄

On other square silver salte wth a cov̊ gilte wayēge x ownnce and a half quarter..... l^{s} vij^{d} ob̄

On litle silver salt wth a cov̊ giltt weyghinge two ownnce and a half quarter .... x^{s} vij^{d} ob̄

On silver cup wth a cov̊ gilt weyghinge x ownnce and a half and half a quarter ... liij^{s} j^{d} ob̄

In Sr Uryan Brertons howse att the Nunes in Chester.

On northeren dagg̊ wth ij knyves and a boydkyn pcell gilt ..... . viij^{s}

On rap the blade old gilt apon ..... v^{s}

On sword the blade gilt apon..... vj^{s} viij^{d}

Juelle.

On tablet of gold weyghinge ij owĕce lackinge an angelweight .... vj^{li}

On bruche of gold weyghynge ij angelle and a quarter..... .... xxvj^{s} viij^{d}

On bracelet of gold weyghynge eight angelle.. iiij^{li}

On ringe of gold wth a turnĩge head and a maydę face graven therupon on gemewe of gold wrythen and on ringe of gold bendet of the hart facion wheyinge iij angelle and a quarter .... xxxv^{s}

Two ringe of gold wth dyamonde weyghinge iij angelle and a quarter..... l^{s}

On ringe of gold wth a garnet ston in hitt on other ringe of gold wth a redd garnett on other ringe of gold wth a greine ston in hitt wth ij lr̃es vidz A A apon either side of hitt wheyēge iiij angelle and the iij pt of an angell..... ..... xliij^{s} iiij^{d}

Itm in redy moneye	cxxix^{li}		j^{d}
Itm remaynīge att New Castell a tente wth ropes to the same wch was laft in the house of Wiłłm Harrȳgton in Newe Castell apon Tyne dwellīge att the syne of the Crowne in Pelgā Streite ofered for the same	iij^{li}		
Two knowches of gold for a cap thon wth a ple thother wth a garnet a bruche of gold wth the kingꝭ armes in hitt and iiij ples and ij stones apon the same vidz thon a safure thother a garnett weyghinge vj angellꝭ...	iij^{li}		
On eye ston sett in silv̄			viij^{d}
On hert of silver gilt wth xix ples on litle knowche of silver wth iij garnettꝭ and a ple on whistell of silver gilt and on gemewe of silver wyre weyghinge an ownnce and a quarter...		viij^{s}	
Two mase ringꝭ of silver and on toythe pyke of silver weyghinge iij qrs̄ of an ownnce...		iiij^{s}	
On litle hulped rynge of silver and gold....		ij^{s}	
On fruntelet of silver gilt weyghinge ij owñcꝭ quarter and a half quarter		xij^{s}	
On blue ringe		ij^{s}	vj^{d}
On cheane of gold weyghinge viij owncꝭ and a qūtr̄...	xxiiij^{li}	xv^{s}	
On syned of gold wth a brere and a ston on turīnge ringe of gold wth a dead mans head on thone syde and an achorne on the other syde weyghinge vij angellꝭ..	iij^{li}	x^{s}	

Stones to sett in ringes.

xxvij ples weyghinge half a quarter and half of a quarter of an ownnce		ij^{s}	vj^{d}

On Cornelus		ij^{d}
On crapadyn		ij^{d}
Two dublettꝭ		ij^{d}
v stones made of glasse and on whyte amell...		ij^{d}
On serpentꝭ tonge	ij^{s}	vj^{d}
On litle pece of a unicornes horne	v^{s}	
On whyte sittarne		vj^{d}
On amytistꝭ		iiij^{d}
ix litle blewé stones		ix^{d}
iij litle stones on whyte an other redd an other greyne.....		iij^{d}
iiij great blewe stones.....		viij^{d}
On litle ꝑle.....		oꝑ
On litle red ston and on other blake.....		ij^{d}
iiij litle currallꝭ		oꝑ
On very litle rose of gold amyled		iiij^{d}
On rebewe	ij^{s}	vj^{d}
On litle turkꝭ		viij^{d}
On litle juell coffer set abowt wth mother of ꝑle and garnysshed wth copper and gilt...	vj^{s}	viij^{d}

Ꝑ me Wiłłm Dode. Ꝑ me Robtū Brokꝭ.

A litle nagge	xxiiij^{s}	
On litle chales weyghinge vj oz̄.....	xxvij^{s}	
ij brasse chaundlers for wax on pillowe of whyte velvet and gold on litle iron bound cofer a rushet mātell and a candle stycke of wood	xx^{s}	iiij^{d}
A box viij spice plates on old quishion the picture of o^{r} Ladye on lute on litle box on old male on herse x pillowe beres lij table napkins	xliiij^{s}	viij^{d}

On longe box togather w^th^all on walkīge staff
one fyre shewell carven latte a payre of old
tables a sett of chest men of oliphante
teeth on litle boke of palmesy ..... vij^s^ x^d^
On litle standert of twigge to sett an hot dishe
on ..... jd

The copy of the inventorye off Richard Brereton esquier decessed.

TESTAMENTUM THOME SCHARESBREK ARMIGERI.[1]

IN Dei noīe Amē The iiij^th^ day of October the xxij yeř off the reigne off Kyng Henry the viij^th^ I Thomas Scharesbreke esquier beyng holl of mynd and knowyng the howre off deth uncten ordeyne and make my testament and last will in man and forme foloyng ffyrst I beqweth my sowle to allmyghty God o^r^ Lady Saint Mary and all the holy cōpany off heavē and my body to be buret in the pyche churche off Ormeskyrke beforē the ymage off Sanct Nicholas on the sowthe syde off the sayd churche Also I beqwethe my best qwyke catell to the curate off my pych churche in name off my mortuař And forsomyche as I have covenanted w^t^ Dorothe Bothe wydowe for the mariage off my son and heire apparent as appereth by cten indenture beiryng dayte the vj^th^ day off July the xx^th^ yeř off Kyng Henry the viij^th^ I can not adde alter nor minusche any

[1] No date of probate. Thomas, son of Gilbert Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Poole of Poole in the county of Chester Esq., married Elizabeth, base daughter of Thomas Earl of Derby, by whom he had James, Gilbert, Margaret wife of Langtree of Langtree, Maud, and Anne. His son and heir James married Dorothy, daughter of John Booth of Barton Esq., from whom, through an heiress, descends Charles Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. — *Lanc. Visit.* 1567.

articull or covenñt specified in the sayd indentures but to my grete dannger and dannger of my sureties onlesse I have the cōsent off the sayd Dorathe I will that the feoffes of my maners landꝭ and tentꝭ &c. shall stond and be seased off londꝭ and tentꝭ &c. off the clere yerely value off tenne markes ov̄ repʳses wyche be specified and notified in a scedule to this my will annexed to th'use off my sone Gilbte Scharesbrek for terme off his lyffe &c. Also I will that my sayd feoffes schall stand and be seased off other landꝭ and tentꝭ &c. to and off the yerely value off xxᵗⁱ pondꝭ ov̄ repʳses &c. to th'use of Jane my wyffe ffor terme of hur lyffe &c. in the name and full recompense off her ioynture and dower yff she wilbe yʳwᵗ content or ells she to be at liberte to sewe at the comen lawe for her lawfull porcion off my sayd landꝭ Also I will that iff any ꝑson or ꝑsons do vex trowble sewe by accion or cōplant myne executors anendꝭ the execution off this my last will or when they take payne to ryde goo or labur anendꝭ or for the execution off my said will then I will that my said executors and ev̄y off them schall receyve and take off th'issues ꝑfettꝭ and revenewes off myne other landꝭ not herbefore willed nor specified all thayr reasanable costꝭ and expenses and that my feoffes schall suffur them so to do or ellꝭ the said costꝭ and expenses to be had off my gudꝭ and catellꝭ Also I will that my feoffes and thaire heires schall stand and be seased off all and ev̄y ꝑcell off myne other maners landꝭ and tentꝭ and other the ꝑmisses wheroff I am now ꝑtyñ off the ꝑfittꝭ to the use heraftur ensuyng that is to wytte wher̄ I and my said sureties stand bounden by owʳ escʳptes obligatorie to the said Dorothe in grete sum̄es off money amonges other articles that iff it happen her doghtors ffrancys and Dorathe to decesse before that thay or ether off them whych shall fortune to marie Jams my son and heire apparent or any other my son and heire apparent before that the said dortor so maried or that oon off them lonḡ lyvyng come and be off the full age off xviij yeres havyng non issue inheritable to my said landꝭ by any my son

and heire apparent then beyng in playne lyffe that then I schall repaye to the said Dorathe the moder the moytie and halffdeale off all such sum̄es off money as I have receyved off her or schall receyve befor̄ the decesse off the sayd doghters for the said mariage Wher̄ for̄ iff this case happen wyche God forbydde then I will that my said feoffes schall suffur my said sureties and their heris to take and pceyve off my maners landꝭ and tentꝭ afor̄ said the fyrst yere next aft^r the decesse off the said Frances and Dorathe the doghters fortie markes and ev̄y yere aftur twentie markes at days accustomed untyll they and ev̄y off them be clerely exon̄ated and discharged off the said paymentꝭ anendes the said Dorathe the mader and her executors Also I will that my said feoffes shall stond and be seassed off meases landꝭ and tenntꝭ to and off the clere yerely value off xx^li pcell off myne inherit^a^unce and that thay suffur myne executors to pceyve and take th'issues and pfittꝭ off the same for th'exibicion and mariage off my thre dorthtors Margaret Maude and Anne untyll the tyme the sum̄e off two hundreth poundꝭ theroff be pceyved and tayken by my said executors and to be put in the kepyng off the p^r^or and cōvent off Byrkyn[head] ffor the use aforesaid and this to be done by the advise off the supvisors off this my will Also I will that my howseholl serv^a^ntꝭ wych have wagꝭ off me and dwell in my howse at the tyme off my decesse schall have ev̄y off them on quarters wagꝭ Also it is my will that myne uncull James Scharesbrek schall have the custodie rule and gov̄naunce off my son Gylbte and his landꝭ and se hym kepet to scole and th'issues off his said landꝭ not to be wastyd but to be employed to his use and pfitte untyll he com and be off the age off xx^ti yeres Also it is my will that iff I fortune to decesse my son and heire beyng not at his full age that my said feoffes and their heris schall stand and be seassed off pcell off suche my landꝭ tenntꝭ and hereditamētꝭ as then schuld remane to my son and heire or to any other clamyng by or to his use to and off the clere yerely value off sex markys to the use that an honest p̄st wyche schalbe elect by

myn executors wyche schall yerely have the sayd sex markꝭ for the space off sevyn yeris to say masse at the alter off Sanct Nicholas in the ꝑyche church off Ormyskyrke and to do other divine service dayle in the said churche and to pray for my sole and my parentꝭ and all crysten soules onlesse that he have a resanable and a lafull impedimēt yff it so may be wtowte hurte or ꝑiudice off my sayd suretꝭ in breyche off eny off my covenntꝭ or articles specified in the said indenturꝭ off mariage off my said son and heire apparent Also &c. that all suche my guddꝭ and catellꝭ and sumes off money as be owghyng to me for the mariage off my son and heire apparent as schall remayne ov my funall expenses my dettꝭ and legacies befor rehersed wyche I may lafully giffe or beqwethe schall growe and be bestowed toward th'exibicion and mariage off my said doghters Also &c. that all suche guddꝭ and catellꝭ and utensils as schall be wryten in a byll or scedule herūto annexed aftr my decesse schall remane in my man place off Scharesbreke to the use off my son and heire and so to cōtynewe theire as heire lomes to myne heires lordꝭ off Scharesbreke Also that my said feoffes schall suffur myne executors to take and ꝑceyve yerely off the issues and ꝑfittes off my sayd maners meases &c. as myche mone as schalbe necessary for the repation and sustentation off my man place off Scharesbreke wt the barnes oxen howses howses off office and all other edifices wtin the scituation off my sayd man place frome tyme to tyme duryng the nonage off my son and heire apparent and to se the sayd money employed to the same use and to no other Also that my sayd feoffes and also my sayd son and heire apparent and in lyke wyse Jane my wyffe and Gylbt my son schall suffur all suche tenntꝭ and fermors as now have in ferme or hold eny lond off me at my will or for terme off yeres schall suffur the same peaceably to occupye theire fermes leysses and tenntꝭ wt th'appurtenntꝭ payng for the same lyke fermes rentꝭ and services as thay do to me wtowte expulsion or vexation duryng the nonage off my son and heire apparent And also I require and hertely

praye myne entierly beloved cosyn Robt̃ Hesketh and myne uncle James Scharesbrek esquiers to be ovsears off this my last will and humbly and hertely require them to se this my will to be truly executed and pformed Also I ordayne and make Ranulphe Pole clerke Jamys my son and Richard Aghton to be myne executors and admiñstrators off my guddꝗ and catelꝗ trustyng in them that this my last will schall be by them truly executyd In wittenes where off to this my sayd last will I have sette my seale thes beyng wyttenes Sr Rog Burskowe Sr Rog Shawgh chapleyns James Waryng Wiffm Watkynson Ewan Hill and other.

The cope off the scedule off heire lomes at Scharesbrek.

In the chapell.

Tow vestimētꝗ tow chesibles two albes a chales a corporas a sup altare awlter clothes wt others belongynge to the same two masse bokys xij ymages closed in box cases two ymages not closed.

In the kychyn and brewhowse.

The grete brasse pottꝗ two long broches a payre off yron rakkes two grette fowrnes fyve leades sette in tr̃e to walle worte in a bryndreth in the kechen.

In the buttre.

Twelve sylver spones.

In the chamber.

The best chamber henged the best feder bed wt the bolster a payre off the best shetꝗ wt blankettꝗ the best cownterpoynte wt a sparvor Item thre fflawnnders chestꝗ two off the best pyllowis.

In the lardor howse.

A grete saltyng troghe off stone two saltyng troghes off wodde.

In the hall.

All the tables formes and trestles wyche be used there wt the best table clothe Item a bulle and a boore.

TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII MAYNWARYNG.[1]

IN ye nayme off God amē ye xxth off July in ye yeř of or Lord God mccccc and xxxiiij I Laurens Maynwayryng hole and pfyte off mynd mayke my testamēt I cōmend and betake my sole to God all-mythty and my body to be buret in ye Nontwyche churche I giffe to ye sayd churche vjs viijd pvidyt yt no moř be askyt by reson off any custom for my bureall Also I will yt ye abbey [abbot] off Cōburmeř have his due porcion for my mortuarye Also I giffe to Sr Thomas Ankers xs desyring hȳ to say a trentall off masses in ye Nontwyche church for my sole my wyfe child and all crysten soles Also I giffe to ye sayd Sr Thom's vd desyring hȳ to say dirige and masse off ye v wonds for a frend yt ye curet will schew hȳ off and vijd to pore fokes for ye sayme pson latly deptyd Also I will yt Anker [*sic*] fad my ꝑntes schall have xiiijs pvydit yt my sayd prentꝛ will pforme his prenteschypse as long as [he] was absent and make gud suche cappes as he sold wen he went And wheř John Mynton dyd desyre me to giffe hȳ a cappe and I dyd pmyse hȳ yfor I beqweth hȳ a cappe off ye best yt I have I giffe to Robt my prentꝛ a serke and his workyng scherꝛ I giffe to Ranald Stēson a cappe ye [best] off ye ij prestꝛ cappꝛ I giffe to my cosyn Olev Maynwayring a daggar and a pollax and to Hūfray Maynwayring a thycke cote and a pollax I giffe to Schenton wyffe a buschell off whete and to hur son my prentꝛ a Kendall jacket ij serkꝛ howse schone and a cappe I giffe Jone my bastard doghtur vjs viijd To John Fleecher a gowne and a salet and To John Ankers a jacket and a payre off hoose Also I giffe and beqweth to my iij doghtors for yayř chyldꝛ partꝛ yt is to Magery sevē poundꝛ sterlyng and ye best sylver pese and all brokyn mone in my cofer to Margaret vijli and ye beste panne to Anne vijli and my

[1] No date of probate.

beste gowne Also when my dettꝭ beqwethis and funall expensis be payd then I giffe, &c. ye resydue off all my gudꝭ and tackꝭ and gronde to Ellyn my wyffe Also I orden and make my trysty cosyn Hūfray Maynwayring and Ellyn my wyffe my executors and my trusty cosyn Olev ovsear off this testament Wyttenes John Maynwayring gentillmā John Prachet and Ranalld Stenson curatt Giffen ye day and yeẽ beforsayd.

TESTAMENTUM MARGARETE HOLFORDE.[1]

IN Dei noĩe Amen Vicesimo quarto die mensis Augusti anno Dñi milliĩmo quingentesimo quadrigesimo I Margaret Holford wedow late wyffe of Robert Holford of Nether Pevver in the counte of Chestr̃ gētylman now decessed beyng hole in bodye and havyng my good remembrañce and mynde dredyng the uncerten tyme of deathe make my last wyll and testament aftr̃ this maner and forme followyng ffirste I beqyth my sole to almyghtie God to our blessed ladie Saynte Marie and to all the celestiall cumpanye of hevyn and my bodie to be buried in [the] chauncell of the churche of Nether Pever afforsayde nygh unto my saide husbande Also I gyve &c. to the forsayd churche of Nether Pever xs sterlyng ther to be prayed fore Also I gyve &c. to sume honest and well disposed prest other xs sterlyng for to say a trentall of masses for my sole and for the sole of my tow husbandꝭ Also I giffe &c. to my doughter Katheryn my best demye my best bedys my best flore my best gowlde rynge all my beddyng pewter brasse and all other my instue [*sic*] and stuffe of howshowlde what some ever it be Also to the forsaid Katarine

[1] No date of probate. Margaret, widow of Robert, third son of Thomas Holford of Holford Esq. by Maud, daughter of William Buckley, Deputy Judge of Chester. — Ormerod, vol i. p. 494.

my doghter ij silv spones besid hyr pte off the other xt silver spones Also I will yt all my gownes and kyrtellis and all other mye joellis not before bequethed shalbe reserved and unbequethed wich I will have to giff att mye laste ende off mye deth to whom itt shall then please and content me Also to Dorathe Holford doghter off my sone John a heffur off iij yeris olde Also to Mgerie Hoford doghter off my sone Philippe a silv spone Also to Philippe Hoford to Vane Mathew and Brian mye sones and to Katarine mye doghter ten silv spones equallie to be devidet amongt them bye even porcions Also mye bodie buried according to my degree and my det payde of my holle good then I will yt all the residue of my good and catal and cornes shalbe devyded equallye by evyn portiones amongt my forsayd foure sonnes and my forsayd doughter Katheryn ffor as for John Holforde and Bartelmew Holforde my sonnes and Elenor Blanch and Esabell my doughters it is my will that the shall have no pte of my good cornes nor catal for the have hadde ther chyld pte of good and have seallett me acquietaunce therfor Also I will that Phillippe Holforde my sonne shall have all the grounde that I holde of Mr. Peres Werberton knynght caled Grosners feld aft my decesse Also I orden constitued and make Philipp Holford Evyn and Mathewe my sonnes and Katheryn my dought my faythfull executors to see that this my last will and teastament be accōplessed and trulie pformed as the shall answer befor the face of God at the dredfull day of jugment Also I orden and make my most trustye and welbeloved in Christe Sr Peres Dutton of Dutton knyght to be the overseeare of this my last will and teastement and to see that my saide executors trulye pforme this my last will and testament that the nor non other psone nor psons lete nor stope my will and testament as my speciall trust and confidens is in hyme Wytnes wher of to this my last will and testament I the forsayde Margarye Holford wedow have sett my seale the day and yere above specified thes beyng wittenes Maist George Holforde gentilman Sr Thomas

Eggerton Sr John Bentley preistꝭ Wiłłm Byrchenhed teyliar withe others.

TESTAMENTUM DOMINE ANNE STANLEY.[1]

IN the name of God Amen The xxtie day of Novēbre in the yere of or Lord 1557 and in the fourth and vth yeres of Phelippe and Marie &c. I Dame Anne Stanley of good and ꝑfitte remembraunce praise and lawde be unto almightie God do ordeyne and make this my last will and testamēt in man̄ and forme followinge ffirst I geve and bequethe my soull to almightie God or Ladie Saint Marie and unto all the hollie cumpanye of heaven and my bodie to be buried wtin the ꝑishe churche of Blakburne Item I geve to the said churche to be prayd for vjs viijd Item &c. to Robte Page my servaunt the bed that he lyethe upon wt all the clothis therto belonginge Itm &c. to John Kenion my servaunt iiijor shepe Itm &c. unto M9garet Grene my servant my frise gowne Itm &c. unto Anne Gibson my servaunt on whye stirke The residue of all my goodꝭ moveable and unmoveable my dettꝭ and quyddꝭ paid my funerall expensis discharged I geve &c. unto Sr Thomas Talbot knight my sonne whom I do ordeyne and make my true and lawfull execut willinge hym to se that this my last will and testamēt be fulfilled wth like effecte as I put hym in trust and as he will answere before God Thes beynge witnes Sr George Bromley prest Henry Filden Ric Hindill and Thomas Whalley wth others.

[1] No date of probate. The testatrix was daughter of Percival Hart of Lullingston in the county of Kent, Knt. She married, first, Edmund Talbot of Bashall Esq., by whom she had an only son, Sir Thomas Talbot Knt. Afterwards she married James, younger son of George Stanley, Baron Strange K.G. (ob. v. p.), eldest son of Thomas first Earl of Derby. From this marriage the present Earl of Derby is descended. — Whitaker's *Hist. of Craven*, p. 24; Nicolas's *Synopsis of the Peerage*, vol. i. p. 188.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CARINGTON DE CARINGTON ARMIGERI.[1]

Ꝑbat̃ xxviij Novembr̃ año mv^c liij^to.

IN the name of God Amen The ix^th day of the monthe of Decembr in the yere after the incarnac̄on of o^r Lord Jhu Christ mv^c liij and in the yere of the reigne of o^r most gracious sovaygne Ladie Marie by the grace of God quene of England Fraunce and Ireland defendo^r of the faithe and in earthe supme head of the churche of England and also of Ireland the first, I John Carington of Carington w^thin the countie of Chester esquier do by thes pnts declare ordeyne constitute and make my last will and testamēt in man and forme as hereafter ensuethe That is to say ffirst and principallie I com̄end my sowle into the handꝭ of my Lord God most humblie besechinge hym by the merites of his sonne o^r Lord Jhu Christes passion to associate the same wth his glorious cumpanie of angellꝭ and electe sauntꝭ in heavin And I will that my bodie shalbe buried in Xtian sepulture in the poche churche of Bowdon in the countie of Chester w^thin the chapell there called St Nicolas chapell wherin the bodies of my

[1] John, son and heir of John Carrington of Carrington Esq., by Margaret, daughter of Sir John Warburton of Arley Knt., married first Anne, daughter of —— Legh of Boothes, who had no issue. He married secondly Ellen, daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by whom he had a son and heir, John, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Joane, and Elinor. He married thirdly Ellen, daughter of William Brereton of Brereton Esq., the mother of William, Andrew, and Katherine Carrington. The testator died 19th November 1 Mary, and was succeeded by his son and heir John Carrington, who left an only daughter and heiress, Jane, wife of Sir George Booth of Dunham Knt. Though she had no issue by him and was afterwards divorced, the Carrington estate remained in the possession of Sir George Booth and is now the property of the present Earl of Stamford and Warrington, the representative of the noble family of Booth of Dunham Massey. — Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 411, 412. Dr. Ormerod's statement as to the death of the testator is inconsistent with the date of the will.

father and other of my auncestors have bene heretofore buried And touchinge the paymēt of my mortuarye hit is my will that hit be paid accordinge to the teno^{r} of the acte of Ꝑlyamēt in suche case ꝑvyded And where my said father by his last will and testamēt gave and bequethed unto me the said John a chaine of golde and willed that the same shuld after my decesse be lefte to remaine to the heires males of my bodie and so from heire male to heire successyvelie to continue and be to the heires males inheritors of the mano^{r} of Carington and there to remaine as an heirelome of his gyfte for ev̄ And did also bequeth to my sonne and heire apparent John Carington one crucifixe of gold and one grett pece of gold coyned of the value of v^{li} xij^{s} or nere thereabout and did also by his said last will geve and bequethe to me and to my said sonne John the residue of all those his goodꝭ and cattaillꝭ wch shuld happen to remaine unspent ov̄ and above the paymēt and discharge of his dettꝭ and fuñallꝭ and of his legacies and bequestꝭ in the said will mencōed and willed that I shuld duringe my liefe have the rule and order of the said residue of the saide gooddꝭ and cattaillꝭ so as is aforsaide bequethed to me and to my said sonne John C. as by the said last will and testamēt of my said father amongꝭ dyverse other thingꝭ therin conteynid more at large hit may appere Sithens the makinge of wch saide last will and testamēt of my said father I the said John C. have caused the said chaine of gold bequethid by my said father as is aforsaid to be altered and newlie made and fashioned and for the betteringe therof have put into the same as well the said crucifixe of gold as also certen other gold of myne owne wherbie the chaine nowe made is much better then the said chaine and crucifixe bequethid by my saide father as afore was wherfore I myndinge that the true meaninge of my said father touchinge his said legacie of the chaine aforsaid shuld be accomplished will and by thes ꝑsētꝭ I bequethe to my saide sonne John C. my said chaine of gold newlie made and fasshioned as afore willinge and requiringe hym to leave the same at his decease to suche

ꝑson as shall happen then to be here male and owner of the said manor of Carington to thentent the same may remaine from here male to here male as an herelome in lyeu and recompence of the said chaine bequethed as afore by my said father And I will that my saide [son] John C. shall have the saide pece of gold of the value of v^li^ xij^s^ or thereabout bequethed to him by my said father and also shall have all other those and suche the gooddes and cattallꝭ late of my saide father as at the tyme of my deathe shall happen to remaine or be in my handꝭ custodie possession or kepinge unadmīstred and not allevid sold exchannged or otherwyse spent gevin bestowed or put away since the deathe of my saide father to be had and enjoyed to my said sonne John C. to his awne use in liew and recompence of all those gooddes and cattallꝭ late of my saide father wch the same my father by his said last will did geve and bequethe to me and my said sonne joyntlie as ys aforsaide All which chaine gooddꝭ cattallꝭ and other the premyses appointed or bequethed to my said sonne John I will shalbe in the custodie order and kepinge of myne executors hereafter named untill my said sonne shalbe of the full age of xxj^ti^ yeres yf he so longe do lyve And concerninge the disposicõn of all those myne owne prop̣ gooddꝭ and cattallꝭ wch were not heretofore the gooddes or cattallꝭ of my saide father I will that all my dettꝭ and likewyse the charges and expenns of my buriall and funꝫallꝭ and all thingꝭ touchinge the same and the probate of my testamēt shalbe in all thingꝭ paid ꝑformed and done of my aside gooddꝭ and cattaillꝭ before any dyvision or particõn therof And after the same my dettꝭ and charges and expencꝭ of my buriall and funꝫallꝭ wth the probate of my testamēt and all things touchinge the same shalbe paid ꝑformed and done of my hole gooddes and cattallꝭ then I will that all suche ꝑte and porcõn of my saide gooddꝭ and cattallꝭ as shall then remaine unspent and not bestowed or paid shalbe devided in thre ꝑtꝭ as egallie and indifferentlie as hit may be done by and wth the advyse and consent of my said execut̃ Of w^ch^

my goodd℘ and cattall℘ so in thre ꝑt℘ to be devided I will that my welbelovid wiefe Ellin C. shall have to her owne use one of the same thre ꝑt℘ at her owne choyse and election to be taken after the division therof for and in full recompence and satisfaction of her ꝑte and porc̃on to her belonginge for her reasonable ꝑte of all my goodd℘ and cattall℘ And of the other two part℘ and residue of my saide goodd℘ and cattaill℘ so in thre part℘ to be as is aforsaide devided I geve and bequethe to ev̊y one of my serv"nnt℘ at this present receyvinge my wages the som̄e of one quarters wages And also whereas my singular good cosin John Grymisdiche owethe unto me v^li^ xv^s^ iiij^d^ I wth hartie thank℘ remitte the same unto hym And also I geve to my cosin his wiefe the colt heretofore to her by me ꝑmysed And all the residue of the said two part℘ I geve to my children that is to witt to my sonne and heire John C. my sonne Wm C. my sonne Andrewe C. and to my iiij^or^ doughtors Elizabeth C. Eleno^r^ C. Joan C. and Kat̃ C. equallie and indifferentlie by the discrecõn of my saide executors And I make my lawfull executors the right worshipfull and my trustie frend John Warburton knight my welbeloved wiefe my brother in lawe Edward Holland esquier my brother Hamlet C. and my brother George C. And concerninge my chapleyne Sr Nicolas Warburton I will that he have xl^s^ wth meate and drinke and honest lodginge or els iiij^li^ for his full stipend accordinge to the gyfte of my father to be receyvid at myne executors hand℘ of the profett℘ of all my tithes and of the ov̊plus of the lease of my demaine land℘ of Carington And also I geve to my neybo^rs^ in Carington xl^s^ and other xl^s^ for my neybo^rs^ in Flixton Also I will that the occupacõn of my tithe corne of Carington and also my white tithe of Carington Ꝑtington and of the halfe towne of Ashton and my cōvent seale in Thelwall shalbe unto my wiefe and children untill suche tyme as my sonne and heire come and be of the age of xxj^ti^ yeres And then they and ev̊y of them to be and remaine to my saide sonne and heire and to my howse of Carington Also I geve to the said Sr John Warburton knight my

blacke amblinge geldinge and an old ryall of gold And also to my brother Edward Holland an other riall of gold and to my brothers Hamlet George and Bonaventure and to evy of them a pece of gold And I geve to my brother Andrewe Brerton my gray hobbie And I geve unto Rafe Holland for old familiaritie betwixe us some reasonable thinge of the monie againe wch he oweth me And I geve unto my brother Bonaventure the monie that Wm Ward owethe me And I geve unto John Shirt of the some y^t^ he oweth me xx^s^ at the lest And I geve to Sr Wm Brerton x^li^ of suche monie as he oweth unto me And I remitt to my said brother Bonaventure xv^s^ wch he oweth me Thes beynge witnes Ric̃ Warbton clarke Edward Salesburie John Rydinge Thom^as^ Martin Gervase Lacie Henrye Baguley wth manie others.

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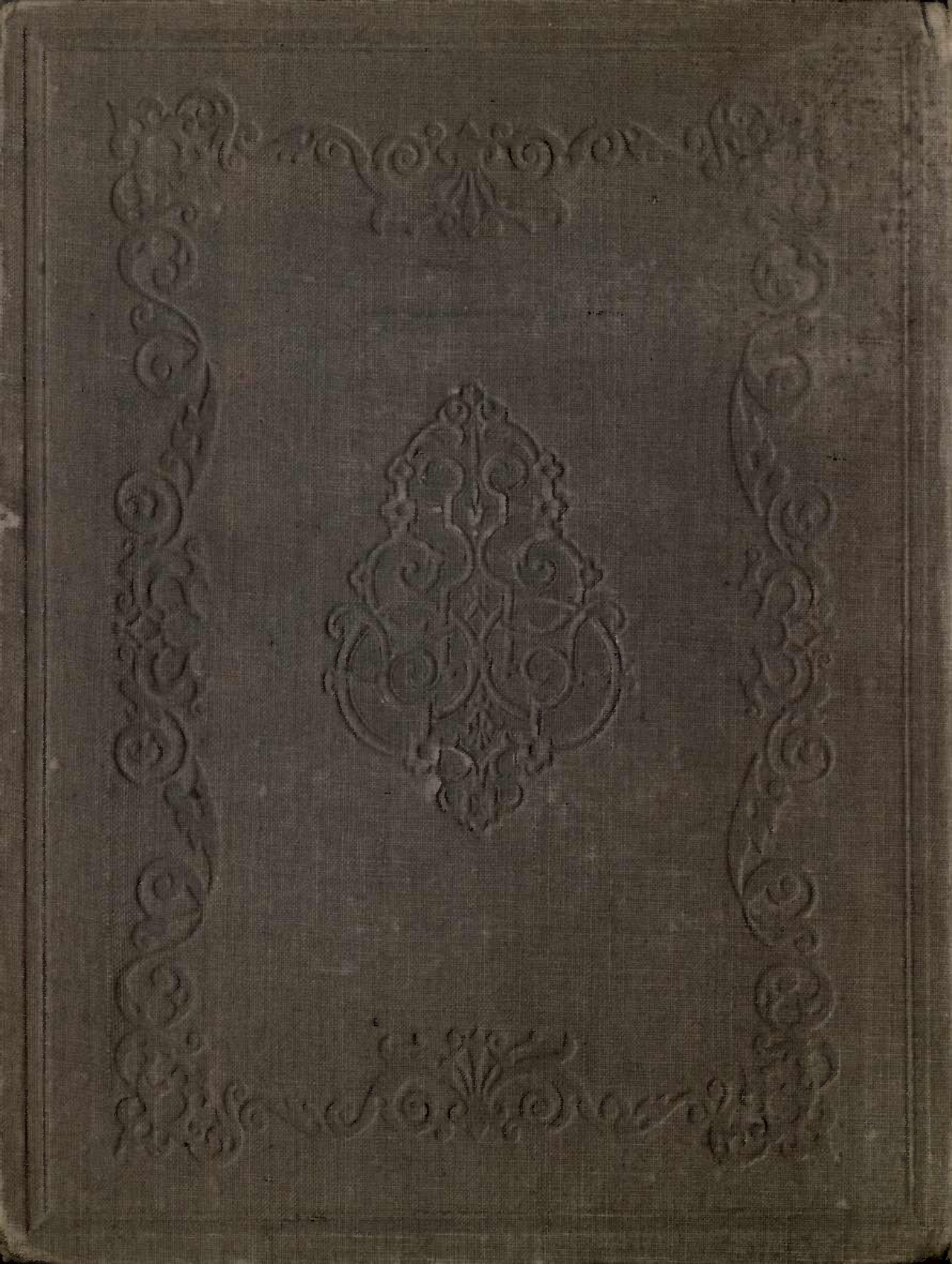
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